

CALTRAIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: **SLOW STREETS FOR BIKING ALONG THE CALTRAIN CORRIDOR**

The attached letter has been submitted by Caltrain BAC Chair Cliff Bargar for the Committee's consideration and approval.

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Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Caltrain Citizens Advisory Committee
1250 San Carlos Ave.
San Carlos, CA 94070

A Proposal for “Slow Streets” for Bicycling and Walking Along the Caltrain Corridor

Dear Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board and Caltrain Citizens Advisory Committee,

As you are aware Caltrain has seen a precipitous drop in ridership since our local county shelter in place orders went into effect in March, with [ticket sales dropping by 95%](#). While we hope that our collective success in flattening the curve will lead to a rebound over the course of the summer and fall there is still much uncertainty in how soon riders will return to Caltrain and other public transit.

Ordinarily we would reach out to local jurisdictions to encourage improving connections for biking to and from individual Caltrain stations. This work is still important and we hope to see it continue. Right now the need is even greater to facilitate bicycle trips between destinations along the corridor that might normally be taken by train. As businesses reopen and residents gradually return to work and other destinations it's crucial that viable alternatives to driving be made available. Given that the estimated average (mean) trip was [22.9 miles in 2019](#) it's likely that a substantial number of trips could be substituted on a bicycle or e-bike, particularly during the dry summer months. Routes like Old County Road in Belmont and San Carlos and Evelyn Avenue in Mountain View and Sunnyvale could be made more enticing so that typical train commuters feel safe riding a bike instead of driving.

We applaud the jurisdictions along the Caltrain Corridor who have already begun some sort of [“slow streets” program](#) to enable more people to safely walk and bike. But we would like to see this taken a step further - jurisdictions must work with their neighboring cities and counties to make sure that there are safe bike routes up and down the Peninsula and through the South Bay.

Sincerely,
The Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee

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