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March 11, 2022

The Honorable Jackie Speier
U.S House of Representatives
2465 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

On behalf of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), I write to thank you for helping to secure $460,000 to invest in mini-high ramps as part of the FY 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.

In preparation for electrified service in 2024, Caltrain seeks to install 22 new mini-highs at the 13 stations currently using manual wayside lifts to provide more accessible and reliable service to passengers. In addition to providing benefits specifically for riders with disabilities, the installation of mini-highs will provide time-saving benefits to all Caltrain riders as it will reduce the dwell time for passengers needing assistance to board the train.

Caltrain is committed to expanding meaningful access to the system, including riders with disabilities. As part of this commitment, Caltrain adopted an Equity, Connectivity, Recovery & Growth Policy, in which the organization pledged to prioritize the planning and implementation of station projects and system enhancements that expand and facilitate access for riders with disabilities.

Thank you again for your continued support for Caltrain over the years.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bouchard
Acting Executive Director

cc: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors
March 11, 2022

The Honorable Kevin Mullin
Speaker pro Tempore
California State Assembly
Capitol Office, 1021 O Street, Suite 8320
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: AB 2197 (Mullin) – Funding for Caltrain Electrification – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Mullin:

On behalf of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), I am pleased to support AB 2197, which would appropriate $260M from the State budget to the California State Transportation Agency to fund the Caltrain Electrification Project.

Caltrain’s Electrification Project is under construction and when operational in fall 2024, will be the State’s first electrified commuter rail system, spanning 51-miles between San Francisco and San Jose. The project will modernize the 150-year-old rail corridor, replacing 75% of the existing diesel fleet with high-performance electric trains. The project also lays the foundation for future High-Speed Rail (HSR) in the corridor.

Recently, Caltrain identified a $410 million funding gap due to delays and cost increases arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting supply chain issues, unforeseen site conditions, and resolution of commercial disputes with the contractor on the signal system scope and outstanding change orders. Caltrain is seeking $260M in State funding to help us close the funding gap. We hope to fill the remaining $150M funding gap through federal funding sources.

Caltrain has made significant progress on the Electrification Project that began construction in 2017 and continued throughout the pandemic. The civil infrastructure work is now complete, and the project team is focused on constructing the new signal system. This spring, the first high-performance electric trains will arrive on the corridor after extensive testing at 110 mph in Pueblo, Colorado. Full corridor testing will start in 2023 and passenger service on the Caltrain corridor is on track for 2024.

This transformational project is close to the finish line and will deliver a legacy project for the State. Thank you again for your leadership in ensuring Caltrain can close the funding gap on the Electrification Project. We look forward to working closely with you as this bill advances in the Legislature.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bouchard
Acting Executive Director

Cc: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors
To whom it may concern,
Huntington Ave between Sylvan and San Felipe ave in San Bruno is full of garbage.
Can you please have your cleaning crew clean this area as soon as possible.
To deter people from dumping I highly recommend posting signs stating “no dumping”. You be cited $1000. If keep this area like a dump they will continue dumping here. Residents are frustrated with this area
Residents deserve a clean neighborhood

Thank you
Tim O’Brien

Sent from my iPhone