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Dear Hayward Park neighbors,

Sent via: Caltrain Parking Track email list

Thank you for your participation in the parking track neighborhood enhancement project in Hayward Park. Your opinions and ideas gave welcomed guidance to the project.

The cumulative online surveys resulted in the neighborhood's preference for a block wall with creeping fig along Railroad Avenue between 10th and 14th Avenues. During the month-long comment period from community members, feedback on the draft design prompted a Caltrain and City commitment to save as many trees as possible and replace any trees removed for the block wall on a one-for-one basis on the project site to the extent possible. Neighborhood feedback also prompted an adjustment to the parking track and the enhancement wall design that will add trees at 10th and 14th Avenues. Thank you for your valuable feedback.

It was also clarified that once the enhancement wall is built, there would be no access to the parking track except at 9th Avenue, as the enhancement wall blocks access at 10th and 14th Avenues.

I appreciate you joining us for the Virtual Community Meeting on July 13 and participating in the live polls that were conducted where twice participants were asked about their neighborhood preference and the results of both aligned with the original survey. I am pleased to follow up that the turnaround discussed during the meeting can be moved to accommodate additional trees. The project team also assessed an idea from neighbors to create a greater setback, but the minimum width requirement of the parking track and drainage ditch doesn't allow for more setback space along Railroad Avenue. I hope you will join me in appreciating the efforts made to add as many new trees as possible within the project area. I want to thank Public Works staff along with Caltrain staff for their efforts to achieve these requests from the community.

We have all learned much from this process and I thank you for your willingness to stay engaged at every stage of the enhancement process, even during a global pandemic.

I am also pleased to know that all of the documentation of each of these steps you have taken for this project are on the [project website](#), including the Virtual Community Meeting recording, and the poll results generated from that meeting.

The next step in this process, to my understanding, is to finalize the enhancement design and release that to the neighborhood, along with the plans for construction scheduling. Thank you again Hayward Park!

Sincerely,

Mayor Joe Goethals  
City of San Mateo