



Thank you to those who were able to attend the community meeting on October 8, 2019, regarding the replacement San Mateo Parking Track or set-out track that was removed to facilitate the construction of the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project, which will improve safety and traffic flow, reduce horn noise, and result in a new Hillsdale Station.

The [presentation](#) is posted to the project webpage alongside the [feasibility analysis](#) (a document that explains which criteria each suggested location met; whether the suggested location could function properly as a set-out track for maintaining reliable commuter rail service; and whether the location is considered financially feasible). The feasible options that were brought by Caltrain and the City for discussion were:

- Move the set-out track to just north of the Hayward Park Station, where the majority of the area is zoned for commercial use (#9)
- Keep the set-out track in the current location but provide significant screening such as vegetation and/or a wall (#27)

Break-out areas where individuals could talk directly to technical Caltrain and city staff were provided, and the group reconvened for a robust Q&A and discussion.

### **Next Steps**

We appreciate all the feedback received, and we will be following up on a number of items discussed at the meeting, including:

- Sharing additional location details of existing parking tracks
- Further examine option #27 to evaluate inclusion of the mitigations suggested in option #9
- Clarify that access on 9<sup>th</sup> street can be incorporated into options #9 and #27
- Provide additional visual clarification why the site suggested at 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. is not feasible #4
- Respond to questions raised regarding separation of parking track needs #10
- Follow up on real estate laws for disclosures
- Provide, if possible, additional financial information about UP-owned site options #7, #21, #13

We hope to be able to post this information on the website by the end of next week. Also, please note there is a City Council Study Session on October 21 (details below):

### **City Council Study Session**

October 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

San Mateo City Hall

330 W 20th Ave.

San Mateo, CA 94403

### **Background Information**

A "parking track" is a temporary storage space for train equipment. The equipment is then moved from the parking track location to the corridor where track repairs and tie replacements are done (this work

does not occur at the parking track site). Parking tracks allow for efficient use of limited work windows to keep the railroad functioning properly. They also support capital projects such as the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project and Caltrain Electrification.

The previous San Mateo Parking Track was in existence prior to Caltrain becoming the operator of passenger service. Located in the Bay Meadows area, it was used by Caltrain for 25 years until the grade separation project necessitated its removal. Typically, anticipated use of a set-out track is 1-2 times a month.

Caltrain continues to sustain operational impacts due to the removal of the San Mateo Parking Track. Maintenance has been deferred while Caltrain awaits the replacement parking track, or is done at increased cost. Parking tracks are critical elements to keeping Caltrain in a state of good repair so that it can function as a reliable service for its 63,000 daily passengers. Operational issues due to deferred maintenance will become even more pronounced after electrification.

While there are over a dozen parking tracks distributed along the corridor, Caltrain only has one maintenance yard which is a large multi-acre complex operation and facility that is located in San Jose. A parking track is much different than a maintenance yard, and for more details please see the [presentation](#) (slide 8).

**For More Information**

To view the feasibility analysis or for more information please visit [www.caltrain.com/SMParkingTrack](http://www.caltrain.com/SMParkingTrack). For additional questions you can contact Caltrain Customer Service at 1-800-660-4287 or email [construction@caltrain.com](mailto:construction@caltrain.com). Thank you again for your thoughtful feedback.