

JPB BOARD MEETING
September 5, 2019

Correspondence Packet as of
August 8, 2019

From: Prashanth Mundkur
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Subject: Caltrain service vision - please aim high for ridership growth, great connections, broader access
Date: Sunday, August 04, 2019 6:56:23 PM

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RE: Caltrain service vision - please aim high for ridership growth, great connections, broader access

Dear Board Members

Honorable board members,

I am excited to see that Caltrain is looking to pursue a service vision that will increase ridership by 3x or more, with regular, 15-minute all-day service, less traffic and pollution, and better connections.

I am glad to see that Caltrain wants to leave the door open for the higher levels of ridership. The higher ridership options could take 3 more lanes of cars off the highway, reduce driving miles by 80%, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an additional 50%, and enable much better regional connections.

To make this possible, I want to see the Caltrain board set a strong policy direction:

- * to actively pursue the highest ridership growth possible, depending on funding and feasibility,
- * to actively work to pursue the needed funding and solve practical challenges to increasing capacity
- * to strongly support regional initiatives to provide a seamless system with coordinated fares, schedules, and great regional connections.

Also, I would like the service vision lay the groundwork for Caltrain to serve more diverse customers. The Caltrain board has already adopted a fare policy setting affordability as a goal. Now, with the prospect of more frequent all-day service, the board should adopt a broader set of policies to serve a wider range of people, instead of limiting the benefits of Caltrain to the well-off.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Mr. Prashanth Mundkur
670 Oak Grove Avenue
MENLO PARK, CA 94025

From: Jonathan Quinteros
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Subject: Caltrain service vision - please aim high for ridership growth, great connections, broader access
Date: Monday, August 05, 2019 7:15:54 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Jonathan Quinteros

San Francisco, CA 94118
(415) 465-4440

From: Brad Wiblin
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Cc: kcamacho@hlcsmc.org; khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org
Subject: I Support TOD Policies That Prioritize Affordable Housing
Date: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 5:21:10 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is Brad Wiblin and I am a resident of Berkeley, but my business has included building housing in partnership with a variety of transit agencies along the West Coast. I am in the affordable housing development business with a focus on TOD. We have partnered with transit agencies in the Bay Area (BART, Sam Trans, VTA), San Diego (MTDB), LA (MTA), Seattle (Sound Transit), and Portland (TriMet). I have seen first-hand the benefits of public private partnerships between the development community and transit agencies where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. This synergy is enhanced when affordable housing is included in the mix.

I support adopting a Transit-Oriented Development Policy that prioritizes affordable homes on Caltrain land and that provides a 20% affordable requirement.

In the current environment of high land prices and limited supply of land, it is expensive to build affordable homes. As the region's housing affordability crisis continues to worsen, it affects the well-being and financial security of low- and moderate-income residents. In addition, jobs in the region have continued to increase far faster than housing supply. The lack of affordable homes has led to ever-lengthening commutes, with resultant increases in traffic congestion, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions. These interrelated challenges call for bold, innovative solutions.

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Please consider a TOD policy that benefits our community!

Sincerely,

Brad Wiblin
Senior Vice President
BRIDGE Housing Corporation

From: Diane Warner
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Cc: khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org; kcamacho@hlcsmc.org
Subject: "Subject line: I support a TOD Policy that prioritizes affordable homes"
Date: Thursday, August 08, 2019 8:09:39 AM

To: board@caltrain.com
Cc: kcamacho@hlcsmc.org, khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org
Subject line: I support a TOD Policy that prioritizes affordable homes

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is Diane Warner and I am a resident of San Mateo City

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Sincerely,

Diane J. Warner
1 Baldwin Ave #602
San Mateo, CA 94401

P. S. The need for persons with mental illness is acute. Building full service permanent housing is a goal long overdue after the closing of asylums and a return to the community. My 56 year old son is deserving of a safe place to live where he can receive treatment for his "no fault" disability.

From: Felipe De la Cruz
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Cc: [Karen Camacho; khondayamamoto@greenbelt.org](mailto:Karen_Camacho_khondayamamoto@greenbelt.org)
Subject: I support a TOD Policy that prioritizes affordable homes
Date: Thursday, August 08, 2019 9:43:01 AM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is Felipe de la Cruz and I am a resident of San Mateo .

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Sincerely,

Felipe de la Cruz morales
192 36th ave apt.D

From: Heather Hopkins
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Cc: khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org; [Karen Camacho](#)
Subject: Transit-Oriented Development Policy
Date: Thursday, August 08, 2019 1:19:43 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

I'm writing in support of adopting a Transit-Oriented Development Policy to prioritize affordable homes on Caltrain land. The dire lack of affordable homes in the Bay Area has led to increased traffic congestion, air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and lower quality of life for residents.

With the Transit-Oriented Development Policy, Caltrain has the opportunity to create communities that will sustain Caltrain's service for the future.

I hope you will adopt an inclusionary housing policy that ensures that at least 20% of new homes developed on land controlled by Caltrain are affordable to low-income residents.

All my best,
Heather Hopkins
361 Camino al Lago
Menlo Park, CA 94027

Heather Hopkins
650.283.5112



From: Estephanie Sunga
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Cc: kcamacho@hlcsmc.org; khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org
Subject: I support a TOD Policy that prioritizes affordable homes
Date: Thursday, August 08, 2019 1:57:07 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is Estephanie Sunga and I am a resident of San Francisco.

I support adopting a Transit-Oriented Development Policy that prioritizes affordable homes on Caltrain land and that provides a 20% affordable requirement.

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Sincerely,

Estephanie Sunga
484 18th Avenue San Francisco 94121

From: marty cerles
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board@caltrain.com)
Cc: kcamacho@hlcsmc.org; khodayamamoto@greenbelt.org
Subject: I support a TOD Policy that prioritizes affordable homes
Date: Thursday, August 08, 2019 2:50:07 PM

Dear Caltrain Board of Directors,

My name is Marty R Cerles Jr and I am a resident of San Francisco.

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270 9th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94118

