



JPB Board of Directors
Meeting of June 2, 2022

Correspondence as of May 20, 2022

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From: [Vincent Tjeng](#)
To: BoardofDirectors@bart.gov; [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Creating a "timed transfer" between Caltrain and BART at Millbrae
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 2:30:41 PM

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Dear BART and Caltrain Board,

I'm wondering whether it would be possible to adjust the Caltrain and BART schedules to better align the time trains arrive and depart at Millbrae, reducing overall trip times for someone using both BART to Caltrain. (If it's not possible, I'd be interested to hear why).

This is a particular issue on weekends, when train frequency is lower. Comparing the current [weekend Caltrain schedule](#) and the [Saturday](#) and [Sunday 5-Line](#) BART schedules:

Southbound:

- On Saturday, Richmond to Millbrae + SFO BART arrives at **9 and 39** minutes after the hour
- On Sundays with 5-line service, Richmond to Millbrae + SFO BART arrives at **15 and 45** minutes after the hour
- Southbound Caltrain departs at **24** minutes after the hour (ignoring the first and last trains).

This means a 15 minute wait on Saturday and a 9 minute wait on Sunday.

Northbound:

- Northbound Caltrain arrives at **26** minutes after the hour (ignoring the first and last trains)
- On Saturday, SFO + Millbrae to Richmond BART departs Millbrae and **6 or 7 and 36 or 37** minutes after the hour.
- On Sundays with 5-line service, SFO + Millbrae to Richmond BART departs Millbrae at **14 and 44** minute after the hour.

Again, this means a 11 minute wait on Saturday and a 7 minute wait on Sunday.

In all these cases, it seems like it would be possible to reduce wait times to closer to ~3 minutes - providing just enough time for riders to walk from one platform to the next. Reducing wait times at Millbrae would encourage increased ridership on both BART and Caltrain, making these more viable options for travelling between San Francisco and the Peninsula / South Bay. (I'd love to be able to take public transit more places, and not have to resort to a car!)

Thank you for your time, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,
Vincent

From: [Scott Yarbrough](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Subject: Bike Bump Season, again for train 679
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 5:43:00 PM

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Would you please run a 3 bike car consist for the 679? Two Bombardier bike cars just don't do the job now that everyone is back in their tech jobs.

For what it's worth, your bike cars had the most passengers during the peak of the pandemic. We're your most loyal customers, and appreciate your service.

Scott Yarbrough
SF/PA round trip

From: [Charlotte Quinn](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Subject: Please have Diridon Station display platform info for Amtrak
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 11:39:17 AM

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Hello,

I was told by staff at Diridon Station that it is managed by CalTrain. If this is not the correct place to request this, I appreciate being told where/who is better to contact.

Diridon Station does not display platform information for Amtrak. The only way to confirm what platform the Amtrak trains will be at is to talk to go to the Amtrak desk at the main entrance.

There are multiple entrances to Diridon, so the desk at the front is very inconvenient to get to. PLEASE have the Amtrak platform information displayed multiple locations, including at the platform entrances. So much time is wasted crossing the entire station to try to confirm where the Amtrak train is.

I was told by staff that the reason the Amtrak platform information is not displayed is because the station is managed by CalTrain.

Please please work together to display this basic and crucial information.

It's extremely difficult for someone with limited mobility to have to go all the way up to the main entrance just to get basic information that could be shown on the many electronic displays throughout the station.

Thanks,
Charlotte

Charlotte Quinn

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*Congress of the United States
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*Anna G. Eshoo
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May 16, 2022

Mr. Steve Heminger, Chairman
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, California 94070-1306

Dear Chairman  Heminger,

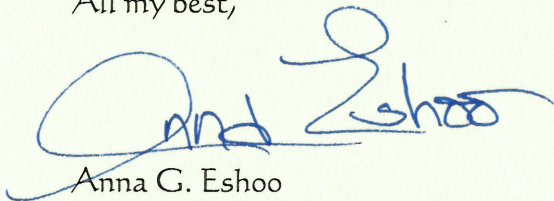
I'm so pleased to inform you that I have selected Caltrain's Safety Fencing project as one of my Community Project Funding requests and I'm urging the Appropriations Committee to consider funding it in the upcoming fiscal year.

The Committee allows Members to submit only 15 requests . . . an especially difficult decision, having received many high-quality and worthy funding applications throughout my Congressional District. For this reason, I was not able to advance all of Caltrain's requests.

In the coming weeks, the Appropriations Committee will review the projects submitted by Members, and they will only fund a limited number of projects. While there is no guarantee the Committee will fund any specific request they receive, given the excellent support for this project, I have high confidence in it.

I'm so proud to represent you, and I'm very grateful for the important work you're doing to improve our community.

All my best,



Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

Enclosure

cc: Members, Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Ms. Michelle Bouchard, Acting Executive Director

05/14/22 11:20:46 AM



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April 29, 2022

The Honorable David E. Price,
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Subcommittee on Transportation, and
Housing and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart,
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, and
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Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I strongly urge you to include \$800,000 for the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) to adding winglets to existing fencing along the Caltrain corridor. This Community Project Funding request is associated with the Department of Transportation account for Transit Infrastructure Projects.

In a typical year, 10 individuals die by suicide on the Caltrain tracks, and these tragedies take an immense toll on our community. This project is part of a series of safety improvements intended to increase safety, including suicide prevention, along the 52-mile Caltrain-owned right of way. Specifically, the funding would be used to install winglets onto existing Caltrain fencing. This initial phase would prioritize sections of the corridor with the highest rates of trespassing and injury, including in Palo Alto, in my Congressional District.

If enacted, this request would make it more difficult for individuals to enter the Caltrain tracks and keep them out of harm's way, and it's why I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,

Anna G. Eshoo