

CALTRAIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee

FROM: Lori Low
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SUBJECT: **LETTER IN SUPPORT OF SUNNYVALE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION**

The attached letter has been submitted by Caltrain BAC chair Cliff Bargar for the Committee's consideration and approval.

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January 21, 2021

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Caltrain Citizens Advisory Committee
1250 San Carlos Ave.
San Carlos, CA 94070

Re: City of Sunnyvale - Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant Application

Dear Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board and Caltrain Citizens Advisory Committee,

The Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), a committee of Caltrain riders representing the interests of passengers who access the train by bicycle, expresses our support for Sunnyvale's application to Caltrans for a Sustainable Communities Grant intended for the study of improvements for pedestrian and bicycle access to the Sunnyvale Caltrain Station.

Over the last several years Caltrain staff have assembled a compelling Business Plan for guiding the railroad from the completion of the current electrification (CalMod) project into the year 2040 and beyond. The corresponding Long Range Service Vision adopted by the Joint Powers Board's Board of Directors seeks to accommodate a [tripling of ridership](#) in the next 19 years. This level of ridership growth requires a substantial shift in how riders reach Caltrain at both their origin and destination, away from accessing stations via private automobile and towards more sustainable modes of transportation.

To help foster this shift the JPB has also recently approved a substantial procurement for secure bike lockers to be distributed across the corridor. This investment in secure bike parking is an important step towards this vision, but must be accompanied by similar investments in station access on the part of local governments in conjunction with Caltrain. By awarding this grant to the City of Sunnyvale, Caltrans can help accomplish this vision of sustainable and accessible transportation.

Sincerely,
The Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee

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