



JPB Board of Directors  
Meeting of April 2, 2026

Correspondence as of March 6, 2026

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1.     Updated Bike Policy
2.     Comment Against Changes to Bike Policy

**From:** [Anna Lieb](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Updated Bike Policy  
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Hello,

I take the Caltrain to get to and from my home in San Mateo to my office in Mountain View 1-3 times per week. I love my Caltrain commute!

However, I am concerned about the new rules for bikes. I am a parent with two kids under 5. I typically take my youngest to day care in a child seat on the back of my acoustic bike and then bike to the Caltrain station. The new rules effectively make it impossible for me to use Caltrain as a commute option, because I would no longer be allowed to bring my bike on the train. I need the bike on the destination end, as the station is 3 miles from my office, so bike lockers are not useful for me. It is not safe or practical for me to constantly remove and reattach the child seat.

I realize you are trying to balance very high demand for the bike cars, but I really hope you will reconsider a blanket ban on "extra large" bikes. Many of these bikes are bikes used by parents with young children (like me). Some of these bikes are used by people who need e-bikes to ride comfortably given their age or physical limitations. It does not seem fair to effectively kick **all** of these people off of Caltrain.

Why not have a limit on the number of "large" bikes per car, so that people have the option to wait for the next train? The local train I take in the morning typically is not full of bikes; I would be happy to arrange my schedule to take local trains.

Or perhaps get more creative -- it's a wonderful thing that Caltrain is so safe, fast, and reliable that many people want to use it. Can you add another train during peak hours? Are there altered rack options that could increase the capacity?

In summary, please try to find some other options so that people like me can continue to use Caltrain for their commutes. I really enjoy taking my car off the road and taking the train to work. But I can't do it without a child seat for my toddler, and that will be true for a long time (she's 20 months old).

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best regards,  
Anna

**From:** [Matt Sorgenfrei](#)  
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Hello,

I am writing to voice my strong disagreement with the pending changes to the bike policy onboard CalTrain. The decision to ban all bikes with even just small child seats is capricious, wrong-headed, and frankly anti-family. It is also completely unacceptable to make such a massive change for working families without significant communication and warning.

Our family only has one car, and in order to get our two children to their places of care while also attending our jobs, it is vital that I be able to keep my bike with me onboard so that I can get to work in a timely manner.

How was the decision taken to make such draconian cuts to the bikes on board? Banning large cargo bikes (greater in length than, say, 6 feet) is one thing, but banning all bikes with child seats, regardless of size or style, is honestly anti-family.

I strongly urge the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to temporarily pause the rollout of these new changes so that a different approach, one that is fair to the working families of the Bay Area, can be considered.

Thank you,

Matt