

CALTRAIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee

FROM: Lori Low
Government Affairs & Community Relations Officer

SUBJECT: **SANTA CLARA BICYCLE MASTER PLAN UPDATE LETTER**

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

November 15, 2018

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

Re: Santa Clara Bicycle Master Plan Update

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

As the City of Santa Clara is currently soliciting feedback on an updated Bicycle Master Plan, the Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), a committee of Caltrain riders representing the interests of passengers who access the train by bicycle, would like to affirm our support for improved bicycle access to both the Lawrence and Santa Clara Caltrain stations in the City of Santa Clara. The proposals for the major arteries in the vicinity of these two stations, Kifer Road (Lawrence) and El Camino Real (Santa Clara) to receive Class IV separated bikeways is an important step for improving connectivity and safety for passengers accessing these train stations by active transportation. The Calabazas Creek Trail can provide a much safer alternative to Lawrence Expressway for those traveling to Lawrence Station from the north and south. In the Lawrence Station Area, in particular, there's an additional emphasis on coordinating these plans with the City of Sunnyvale, which has similarly proposed a road diet (elimination of automobile-dedicated lanes) from Kifer Road.

While the Caltrain Modernization program will enable Caltrain to carry more passengers than ever before it's important to provide sustainable, accessible, and safe alternatives for passengers to reach Caltrain's stations. In light of the two recent bicyclist fatalities in Santa Clara County (one of which was in the City of Santa Clara) it's particularly important to plan for safer bike infrastructure. The proposed bicycle facilities will greatly enhance the commutes of the many cyclists and Caltrain riders who live and/or work in the City of Santa Clara (or nearby).

Sincerely,
The Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee

Cc: City of Santa Clara Staff Carol Shariat and Marshall Johnson, City of Santa Clara Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee