

JPB Board of Directors Meeting of September 2, 2021

Correspondence as of August 27, 2021

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From: Stephen Taber
To: Board (@caltrain.com)
Subject: Restructure of Caltrain

Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 9:17:19 PM

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One alternative that you did not mention is the restructuring I proposed in a Chronicle opinion piece last year: annex San Mateo and Santa Clara to BART and have BART assume ownership and operation of CalTrain. This would provide for better integration of regional services and avoid the anomaly of having constituencies that are not represented by boards which govern services to them.

I would appreciate your reaction to my proposal.

Stephen Taber 1170 Green Street San Francisco, CA 94109

(415) 990-8104

Sent from my iPhone

From: Roland Lebrun <ccss@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 1:16 PM

To: Board (@caltrain.com)

Cc: MTC Info; SFCTA Board Secretary; Baltao, Elaine [board.secretary@vta.org]; cacsecretary

[@caltrain.com]; SFCTA CAC

Subject: Re: Stadler EMU interim revenue service (Plan B) **Attachments:** PMOC recommendation for early EMU deployment.pdf

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Dear Caltrain Board,

Further to SamTrans staff having indicated that they have no intention of following up on this recommendation, please be advised that **the PMOC made a similar recommendation in the June 2021 Risk Refresh Report:**

https://www.caltrain.com/Assets/Caltrain+Modernization+Program/Documents/PMOC+Reports/December+2 020+-+FTA+Risk+Refresh+Report.pdf ((page 13 attached for your convenience).

FTA Led Risk Refresh Report - caltrain.com

Doc. No.: TO 69319520F300099.PCEP.CLIN2002.01 - 021 FTA Led Risk Refresh Report Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) San Francisco to San Jose, CA

www.caltrain.com

PMOC Recommendation No. 5 -

"The PMOC recommends that the JPB consider **strategies** for placing **EMUs** safely in service prior to the completion of all required signal modifications if that work continues to be delayed."

Please provide direction to staff accordingly.

Thank you.

Roland Lebrun

From: Roland Lebrun

Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:01 AM **To:** Caltrain Board <board@caltrain.com>

Subject: Stadler EMU interim revenue service (Plan B)

Dear Caltrain Board,

Further to the recent announcement that the first EMUs will be delivered in 2022 but that electrification (including signaling) may not be fully operational until mid-2025, I believe that the time has come for the Board to consider a diesel-electric hybrid alternative during the transition to fully-electrified revenue service.

Background

- Gallery railcars are over 35 years-old (<u>5 years above life</u> expectancy) https://www.caltrain.com/about/statsandreports/commutefleets.html
- There is no existing secure storage capacity for EMUs while the current railcars are in service
- The Stadler warranty period will start when the EMUs are delivered (<u>NOT when they enter revenue</u> service)
- The EMUs were designed with coupler adapters designed to rescue a stranded train in an emergency (EMU RFP Section 5 attached for your convenience).

"5.4 COUPLER ADAPTER

If automatic couplers are provided, the Contractor shall supply coupler adapters for coupling to the existing diesel fleet. Each cab car shall be equipped with one coupler adapter to allow it to be connected to a conventional AAR Type-E, F, or H coupler. The removable adapter shall have a maximum weight of 65 pounds and be located outside of the car and in a position such that it will require minimal effort for the Operator to remove, install and replace the adapter in its holder. It shall be able to withstand 100,000 pounds in buff or draft without permanent deformation. The operator shall be able to manually install or remove the adapter alone and without tools. It is anticipated that the adapter will be used during emergency or rescue situations only."

Proposed testing plan

The proposal is to send two Caltrain locomotives (one F40 and one MP36) to the FRA's testing facility in Pueblo, Colorado and certify that the coupler adapters, as designed, are capable of supporting <u>safe and reliable</u> revenue service in push/pull mode <u>for a minimum of three years</u>, as follows: six push and six pull 7-car EMU tests at the following speeds: 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90 MPH for a total of 12 tests/locomotive.

The above 24 tests will be repeated with an 8-car EMU consist (total 48 tests).

The objective of these tests is to certify the following:

- That hybrid consists can be operated safely and reliably in revenue service at speeds of 60-79 MPH
- The existing F45 and MP36 locomotives are powerful enough to push/pull 7 and 8-car EMU consists loaded at 150% of capacity (Baby Bullet and special event service)
- The optimal consist configurations for Baby Bullet, Express and Local service (observed acceleration/deceleration curves)
- That the coupler adapters, as designed, will survive the delivery trip from Salt Lake City and/or Pueblo to the JPB https://www.railwayage.com/passenger/intercity/first-siemens-brightline-cars-depart-sacramento/



First Siemens Brightline trainset departs Sacramento - Railway Age

Siemens announced Dec. 14 that its first Brightline trainset, comprised of two locomotives and four coaches adorned in Brightline Blue, is complete and has left the company's manufacturing hub in Sacramento, Calif.. The first trainset is approximately 489 feet long and is being transported across the country via rail, journeying 3,052 miles from Sacramento to Florida.

www.railwayage.com

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Roland Lebrun

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interconnection agreement is currently on-hold due to a disagreement between the JPB, PG&E, and Silicon Valley Power over a largely complete Single-Phase Study which looks at the impacts of the PCEP load on the local electric grid.

- The original budget for Electrification related work included scope for a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. However, the SCADA scope was not included in the Electrification contract and a separate contract was awarded on a sole-source basis after the start of the project. *This work is underway and mostly complete*.
- The Electrification contract included an Option for construction of an Overhead Contact System within the four (4) existing tunnels. The JPB was unsuccessful in negotiating an acceptable Change Order with the Electrification contractor, and the work had to be added to the tunnel notching contract via modification. This work is complete except for final integrated testing.
- The PCEP did not assign responsibility for integration of the electrification, signals, SCADA, and EMU vehicles contracts and the JPB's PTC system to a single individual, consultant, or contractor, which leaves responsibility for this vital function resting with the JPB. Currently a single individual is leading this effort on a part-time basis along with other responsibilities.

3.2 PMOC Assessment of Project Delivery

The PCEP is using a combination of delivery methods. The Electrification work is being delivered using a design-build contract. The tunnel notching contract was competitively bid as was the CEMOF Modifications contract. The EMU procurement was a competitive two-step procurement. The tunnel contract is complete except for final integrated testing. The CEMOF modification contract is expected to be substantially complete in March 2021. The delivery of the first EMU trainset to the JPB is scheduled for July 2021. Substantial completion of the Electrification contract is currently projected for July 14, 2023. The PMOC's opinion is that the delivery plan for the PCEP was thoughtfully conceived and reasonable given the scope of the project.

One consequence of the delayed completion of the electrified railroad is the change in testing and acceptance of the EMU trainsets. Performance testing and acceptance of the first trainset was to be conducted on the JPB's system. Because the JPB's railroad is not currently electrified, and TS 1 is ready for dynamic testing, the JPB and Stadler arranged for dynamic testing to be conducted at the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (TTCI) in Pueblo, Colorado. TS 1 is now being reassembled at the TTCI prior to starting the testing process. TS 1, as well as all subsequent trainsets, will be accepted after being delivered to the JPB's tracks and completing all contractual requirements.

- ➤ PMOC Recommendation No. 4 The PMOC recommends that the PCEP complete full integration of the Rail Activation and Testing and Commissioning schedules with the Master Project Schedule for more effective project management.
- ➤ PMOC Recommendation No. 5 The PMOC recommends that the JPB consider strategies for placing EMUs safely in service prior to the completion of all required signal modifications if that work continues to be delayed.
- ▶ PMOC Recommendation No. 6 The PMOC has previously recommended that the JPB obtain a second opinion from a well-qualified construction attorney with substantial experience in defending complex contractor claims, particularly those related to schedule delays. The second opinion should address the JPB's proposed approach to resolving the complex issues currently subject to the technically facilitated mediation process between the JPB and BBII.

 From:
 Aaron VanDevender

 To:
 Board (@caltrain.com)

 Cc:
 friends@friendsofcaltrain.com

Subject: All Aboard!

Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 8:48:15 PM

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Dear Caltrain Board members,

It has been more than 44 years since disabled advocates occupied the federal building in San Francisco's UN plaza and achieved the enactment of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, guaranteeing everyone access to public spaces.

When will CalTrain implement level boarding for its daily passengers? Such a needed measure would help the boarding and alighting of all passengers, disabled and able bodied, and speed up the commute times for those passengers staying on board and just passing through.

There is no reason to delay this improvement any longer, and the reduced ridership of COVID-19 gives us the perfect opportunity to right this historic wrong. Don't let it go to waste!

-Aaron

From: Martin J Sommer

To: CalMod@caltrain.com

Cc: Board (@caltrain.com); Board (@caltrain.com)

Subject: Re: Noise at night

Date: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 1:53:06 AM

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Another night of hammering What's wrong with you guys??? Why can't you schedule this work for the day??????

Martin

On 8/24/21 2:55 AM, Martin J Sommer wrote:

Again, hammering on the tracks at night!!! How much longer will this go on????

Why is this work not done during hte day?

Martin

On 8/21/21 4:26 AM, Martin J Sommer wrote:

Again, hammering on the tracks, throughout the night!!! Why can't this work be done, during the day?

Martin

On 8/20/21 2:18 AM, Martin J Sommer wrote:

Again, hammering at night! Why not do this work during the day?

Martin

On 8/19/21 2:37 AM, Martin J Sommer wrote:

Again, the crews are out hammering and using jack hammers at night on the tracks. Why can't this be done during the day!!!

Near university Ave, Palo Alto ...

Martin

On 7/1/21 2:46 PM, calmod@caltrain.com wrote:

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Hello Martin,
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Thank you for contacting Caltrain Electrification. Our team looked into construction activities in the area for the Electrification project and found that crews have not been in the area during the early morning hours of the last two weeks. However, crews will be in the area in the next couple of weeks to perform pole work.

Given the distance between each pole, crews will not be in one area for an extended period of time. It is also work that should not produce a lot of noise. Some work must take place at night due to the on track equipment that is required, and to not interrupt Caltrain service.

Thank you for your patience and for reaching out.

Best, The Caltrain Team

From: Martin J Sommer [mailto:martin@sommer.net] Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 7:44 AM To: CalMod@caltrain.com

Subject: Noise at night ATTENTION: This email came from an external source. Do not open attachments or click on links from unknown senders. Good morning, Over the last two weeks, the crews have been happening on the tracks between 2 - 4 am at the University Ave station in Palo Alto. It is very difficult to sleep, with this going on. We live at 427 Alma St Do they need to do this work at night? Since ridership is extremely low, could you please schedule this work for during the day? Thank you, Martin Martin Sommer 650-346-5307 martin@sommer.net<mailto:martin@sommer.net> www.linkedin.com/in/martinsommerhttp://www.linkedin.com/in/martinsommer "Turn technical vision into reality." Martin Sommer 650-346-5307 martin@sommer.net
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 From:
 Roland Lebrun

 To:
 Board (@caltrain.com)

 Cc:
 cacsecretary [@caltrain.com]

Subject: Internet bandwidth impact on Zoom audio quality **Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 5:53:51 PM

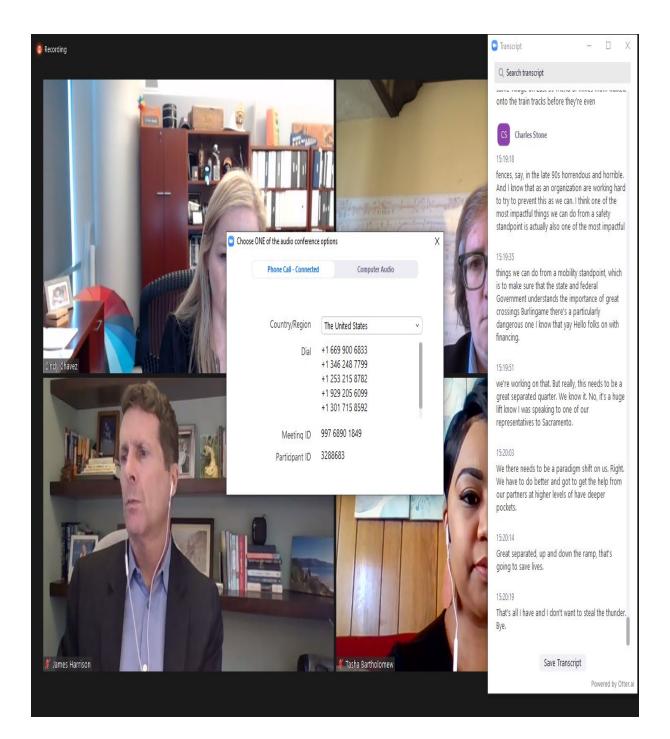
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Dear Chair Stone and Board members,

Kindly consider circumventing poor Zoom audio quality by selecting "Connect with phone" in the "audio connection" dropdown menu at the bottom left of the Zoom screen and following the instructions in the "Choose ONE of the audio conference options" pop-up window captured below.

Respectfully,



From: Roland Lebrun

To: Board (@caltrain.com)

Subject: Missing LPMG agenda materials

Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:00:11 AM

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Dear Caltrain Board,

Kindly be aware that the August 26th LPMG agenda has not been posted as of 8/26 3. 00AM. https://www.caltrain.com/projectsplans/CaltrainModernization/Local_Policy_Maker_Group.html

Local Policy Maker Group - Caltrain

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This makes it very difficult for members of the public to review the material and prepare comments as appropriate.

Thank you in advance for bringing this item to staff's attention.

From: Roland Lebrun

To: Board (@caltrain.com)

Cc: SFCTA Board Secretary; MTC Info; Baltao, Elaine [board.secretary@vta.orq]

Subject: Systemic violations of Government Code Section 54952.2

Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 12:45:50 PM

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Dear Caltrain Board,

Further to my email of 8/26 3.00 AM (below), the LPMG agenda was eventually posted around 11.00 AM yesterday or **less than 7 hours prior to the meeting**:

Please refer the matter to Caltrain special counsel for advice and action.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml? lawCode=GOV§ionNum=54954.2.

Law section - California

54954.2. (a) (1) At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, the legislative body of the local agency, or its designee, shall post an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session.

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Thank You.

Roland Lebrun

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From: Roland Lebrun

To: Board (@caltrain.com)

Cc: cacsecretary [@caltrain.com]

Subject: Caltrain peak seating capacity

Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:53:49 PM

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Dear Caltrain Board,

Pursuant to Government §6250 et seq.,

Please refer to the August 30 timetable and provide the seating capacity of the 12 peak trains leaving San Jose Diridon between 5.59 and 8.54 AM broken down as follows:

- 5.59-6.54 AM (each train)
- 6.59-7.54 AM (each train)
- 7.59-8.54 AM (each train)

Thank you in advance for your prompt reply to this request.

 From:
 Roland Lebrun

 To:
 Board (@caltrain.com)

 Cc:
 cacsecretary [@caltrain.com]

Subject: Missing information from the WPLP packet **Date:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 11:25:18 PM

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Further to SamTrans having failed to comply with Director Chavez's request to include the staff presentation in the WPLP packet (item #6 attached for your convenience) in compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5(c) https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml? lawCode=GOV§ionNum=54957.5.,

Law section - California

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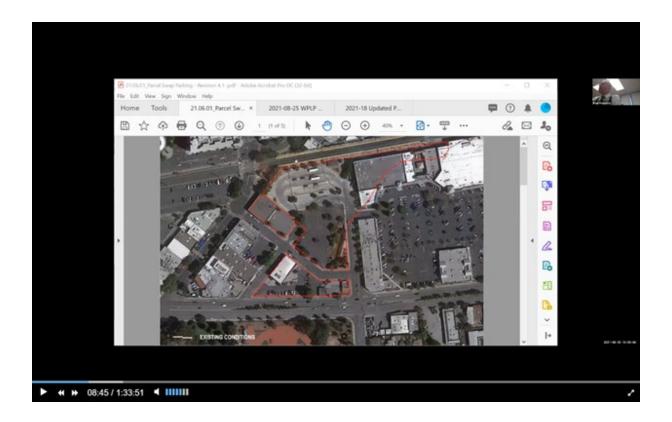
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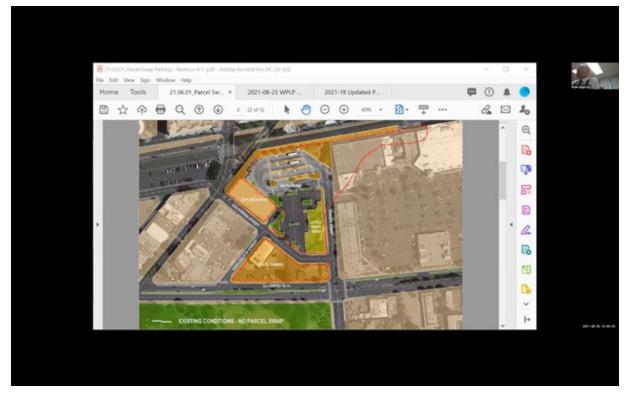
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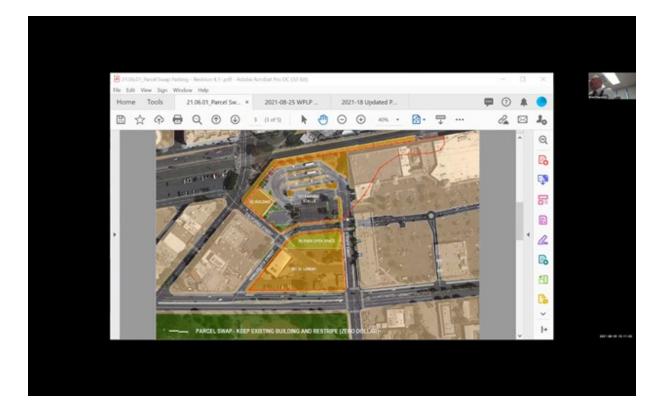
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Roland Lebrun.

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From: <u>Charles Stone - Mayor</u>

To: Roland Lebrun; Board (@caltrain.com)

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Roland,

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Best.

Charles.

Mayor Charles Stone City of Belmont One Twin Pines Lane Belmont, CA 94002

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include any writing exempt from public disclosure under Section 6253.5, 6254, 6254.3, 6254.7, 6254.15, 6254.16, 6254.22, or 6254.26.

- (b) (1) If a writing that is a public record under subdivision (a), and that relates to an agenda item for an open session of a regular meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, is distributed less than 72 hours prior to that meeting, the writing shall be made available for public inspection pursuant to paragraph (2) at the time the writing is distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the members of the body.
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- (3) This subdivision shall become operative on July 1, 2008.
- (c) Writings that are public records under subdivision (a) and that are distributed during a public meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting if prepared by the local agency or a member of its legislative body, or after the meeting if prepared by some other person. These writings shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats upon request by a person with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof.
- (d) This chapter shall not be construed to prevent the legislative body of a local agency from charging a fee or deposit for a copy of a public record pursuant to Section 6253, except that a surcharge shall not be imposed on persons with disabilities in violation of Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof.

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(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 326, Sec. 1. (AB 382) Effective January 1, 2014.)

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From: Charles Stone - Mayor <cstone@belmont.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 8:21 AM **To:** Roland Lebrun <ccss@msn.com>

Subject: Re: Missing information from the WPLP packet

Roland,

Thanks for your comments. While I agree that having presentations in advance is better and have asked for the same, I'm pretty sure there is no violation of the law here. If you think a law has been violated, you should definitely report it.

Best,

Charles

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Cc: Caltrain CAC Secretary < cacsecretary@caltrain.com> **Subject:** Missing information from the WPLP packet

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