



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
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Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Letters from the Public

1. Notice of Caltrain, dated September 3, 2020, regarding Caltrain Board Suspends Fare Increases, Approves New Equity Policy.
2. Letter from Verizon Wireless, dated September 4, 2020, regarding Notification Letter for CA_SJ_SANJOSE_AIRPORT_020, CA_SJ_SANJOSE_SOUTH_032, San Jose, CA /GTE Mobilenet of California Limited Partnership.

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Fw: NEWS: Caltrain Board Suspends Fare Increases, Approves New Equity Policy

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Thu 9/3/2020 1:34 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <[REDACTED]>; Taber, Toni
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From: liebermand [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Dan Lieberman
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Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 1:29 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: NEWS: Caltrain Board Suspends Fare Increases, Approves New Equity Policy

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September 3, 2020

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Caltrain Board Suspends Fare Increases, Approves New Equity Policy

Budget Estimates show New Investment is needed to Maintain Service, Advance Equity Improvements

Facing an estimated \$18.5 million shortfall, the Caltrain Board of Directors voted to postpone adoption of Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets until their October Board meeting, where they will consider approving a budget that covers operations through the end of 2020.

The Board also took steps to enhance affordability and accessibility of the system by postponing previously-approved fare increases until after June 2021, and approving the system's first [Framework for Equity, Connectivity, Recovery and Growth](#). The Framework is part of the [Caltrain Business Plan](#), an ongoing effort to define how the service will grow to meet the evolving needs of the region. The equity policies included in the Framework will help ensure that the rail service's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic occurs in a way that expands access to low-income individuals and communities of color that have historically been underrepresented in the system's ridership.

In order to implement the Equity Framework, Caltrain will need to survive the impacts of the pandemic that have reduced ridership by 95%. To make up for this ridership loss and

maintain service over the next year, the agency estimates it will need to identify an additional \$18.5 million.

During the region's shelter-in-place, over 3,500 weekday riders continue to rely on Caltrain for essential travel. Many of these riders are lower-income workers that do not have access to a car and depend on Caltrain to get to frontline jobs. The Board's decision to suspend certain fare increases over the next year will help ensure the system continues to be accessible to these riders. Caltrain has taken additional steps during the pandemic to enhance affordability by providing low-income riders with a 50% discounted fare.

The Equity Framework envisions preserving this discount in the longer term, and would facilitate additional steps to increase social and racial equity on the system now, and in the future. The policies in the framework would improve connections to other local and regional systems that disadvantaged riders are more likely to rely on. It would also support increased off-peak service to make the system more relevant for workers with non-traditional work hours. Under the framework, Caltrain would also work toward better regionally coordinated fare and transfer policies.

Prior to the pandemic, Caltrain was working to identify new revenues that would allow it to implement these equity improvements. Now, the latest Caltrain budget estimates show that those new revenues will also be necessary for the system to survive the pandemic.

Caltrain staff identified a number of other potential revenue sources, including the sale of naming rights that are being pursued to help cover the projected \$18.5 million shortfall. In August, the Board voted to place Measure RR on the November 3 ballot in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Santa Clara counties. If approved by two thirds of voters, funds from the measure could be leveraged to cover the budget shortfall and to implement the service and fare policies called for in the Equity Framework.

If no additional funding is identified, the rail service is at risk of shutting down. Cutting service would reduce expenses, but that savings could be negated by reduced revenue from the system's GoPass program, which provides discounted annual passes to participating employers. Even shutting down the system would carry costs as during a shutdown, the agency would still be responsible for maintaining the corridor for freight rail operations. The cost of a 12 month shutdown is estimated to be over \$60 million. It would also take more than a year to restart service after a shutdown. The remobilization and retraining of staff over that time would cost an estimated \$93 million.

"Adopting policies embedded within the Equity Framework will improve the accessibility and affordability of Caltrain for the most vulnerable members of the communities that Caltrain serves," said Caltrain Board Chair Dave Pine. "To ensure that these policies are successful, it is imperative that the system has new and reliable revenue to maintain service now and in the future. Any shutdown of the service would be the most inequitable consequence possible for all riders who depend upon this critical service."

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About Caltrain: Owned and operated by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Caltrain provides commuter rail service from San Francisco to San Jose, with commute service to Gilroy. While the Joint Powers Board assumed operating responsibilities for the service in 1992, the railroad has provided the community with more than 150 years of continuous passenger service. Planning for the

next 150 years of Peninsula rail service, Caltrain is on pace to electrify the corridor, reduce diesel emissions by 97 percent by 2040 and add more service to more stations.

Follow Caltrain on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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RE: Notification Letter for CA_SJ_SANJOSE_AIRPORT_020
 CA_SJ_SANJOSE_SOUTH_032

San Jose, CA /GTE Mobilenet of California Limited Partnership

This is to provide the Commission with notice according to the provisions of General Order No. 159A of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California ("CPUC") for the project described in Attachment A.

A copy of this notification letter is also being provided to the appropriate local government agency for its information. Should there be any questions regarding this project, or if you disagree with any of the information contained herein, please contact the representative below.

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VZW Legal Entity		Site Name		Site Address		Tower Design	Size of Building or NA
GTE Mobilenet of California Limited Partnership		CA_SJ_SANJOSE_AIRPORT_020		1054 Ruff Drive, San Jose , CA95110		Light Pole	N/A
Site Latitude	Site Longitude	PS Location Code	Tower Appearance	Tower Height (in feet)	Type of Approval	Approval Issue Date	
37°21'03.92"N	121°54'45.58"W	517282	Antenna Rad 25.6	30.7	Encroachment Permit Approval	09/03/2020	

Project Description: • Install (3) (N) Antenna/Radio on (E) Street Light Pole

• Install (N) FCC signage

• Install (N) Disconnect

• Install (N) Smart Meter

• Install (N) Fiber Junction Box

• Install (N) CSJ Service Pull Box

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GTE Mobilenet of California Limited Partnership		CA_SJ_SANJOSE_SOUTH_032		5596 Playa Del Rey , San Jose , CA95123		Light Pole	N/A
Site Latitude	Site Longitude	PS Location Code	Tower Appearance	Tower Height (in feet)	Type of Approval	Approval Issue Date	
37°15'02.57"N	121°51'10.25"W	517897	Antenna Rad 25.6	30	Encroachment Permit Approval	09/03/2020	

Project Description: • Install (N) Street Light Pole on (E) Concrete Pile Foundation

• Install (3) (N) Antenna/Radio

• Install (N) FCC signage

• Install (N) Disconnect

• Install (N) Smart Meter

• Install (N) Fiber Junction Box

• Install (N) Pull Box Per CSJ Standards

- Install (N) Concrete Slab Per CSJ Standards
- Install (N) Service Pull Box Per CSJ Standards
- Install (N) Conduit between (N) Pull Box and (E) Foundation
- Install (4) (N) Collar Nuts (Refer to EQ-5 sheet) or
Extend (4)(E) Foundation Anchor Bolts (Refer to EQ-4 Sheet)