



CITY OF
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CITY COUNCIL RAIL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Special Meeting

Community Meeting Room

1:00 PM

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Call to Order

Oral Communications

Members of the public may speak to any item NOT on the agenda.

Verbal Update on Interagency Activities

Presentation

- A. Caltrain
- B. VTA
- C. City Staff

Action Items

Memo

1. Caltrain Presentation/Discussion on Service Agreement

Presentation

Next Steps and Future Agendas

INFORMATION

2. Information Pertinent to the Rail Committee

Adjournment

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1. **Written public comments** may be submitted by email to city.council@cityofpaloalto.org.
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3. **Spoken public comments using a computer or smart phone** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Council, click on the link below to access a Zoom-based meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully.
 - You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting in- browser. If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer. Or download the Zoom application onto your phone from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and enter the Meeting ID below
 - You may be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
 - When you wish to speak on an Agenda Item, click on "raise hand." The Clerk will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
 - When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.
 - A timer will be shown on the computer to help keep track of your comments.
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City of Palo Alto
City Council Rail Committee Staff Report

(ID # 15025)

Meeting Date: 12/13/2022

Report Type: Verbal Update on Interagency Activities

Title: Informational Items pertinent to the Rail Committee

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Transportation Department

The following is provided as information only:

1. Ad Hoc Grade Separation Committee: The links to information about the past and the upcoming (VTA) Ad Hoc Rail Grade Separations Committee meetings are provided as follows:

October 22, 2022 (First Meeting of the Committee)

http://santaclaravta.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=3798

December 2, 2022 (upcoming meeting)

<http://santaclaravta.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=3603&Inline=True>

2. A matrix describing the constraints of Caltrain-related items

Attachments:

- Constraints Matrix - Grade separation alternatives

Grade Separation Constraint Matrix

Alternative/Constraint	Allowable Max Railroad Grade	Critical Design Speed	Vertical Clearance (< 15'-6")	Vertical Curve	Bridge Thickness	JPB ROW Permanent	Four (4) Tracking
Churchill Underpass (Preferred)	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Churchill Closure (Backup)	No	No	No	No	No	Yes (Option 1) Ramps parallel to Tracks)	Yes
Meadow-Charleston Underpass	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Meadow-Charleston Hybrid	No	Yes	Yes (12 feet during Constr. Phase)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Meadow-Charleston Trench	Yes (2%)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Pump Stations)	Yes

Attachment: Constraints Matrix - Grade separation alternatives (15025 : Rail Information Item)