

Town of Atherton

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RE: High-Speed Rail

Dear Atherton Resident,

Your property is one of 29 Atherton residences adjacent to the Caltrain right-of-way. Implementation is already under way for High-Speed Rail following the passage of Prop. 1A last November. Currently, the scope of the environmental review for the use of the Caltrain corridor between San Jose and San Francisco is being determined. It is anticipated that additional right-of-way will be needed for at least four tracks although the exact details are not available.

The Atherton Town Council is working in conjunction with other cities on the Peninsula to try and minimize the potential adverse impact the addition HSR will have on homeowners along the corridor. One of the alternatives we are asking to be studied is tunneling or trenching the rail line to lessen the permanent effect on our town.

During the scoping process, the California High-Speed Rail Authority is inviting comments from all interested parties to advise them as to what concerns and issues it should be addressing as part of the environmental study.

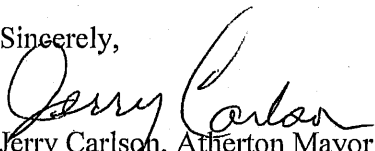
Since your property, among others, will be most directly impacted by construction and possible widening of the right-of-way, you may wish to send your own comments to the authority. The current deadline for comments is March 6, 2009.

Your comment letter should be addressed to –

Mr. Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director
California High-Speed Rail Authority
925 L Street, Suite 1425
Sacramento, CA 95814

If you have questions or wish further information, please contact one of the members of the Atherton Rail Committee. (See attached contact information.) If you wish to consult with someone on the Town staff, please contact City Manager Jerry Gruber (752-0504).

Sincerely,


Jerry Carlson, Atherton Mayor
95 Mt. Vernon Lane

p.s. - I've included Marylou Timpson's letter to the CHSRA. She is one of the 29 homeowners along the Atherton rail corridor.

J.C.