



**Town of Atherton**  
**ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
94 Ashfield Road - Atherton, California  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**1.0 ROLL CALL**

Paul Jones, Phil Lively, Malcolm Dudley, Jack Ringham, Greg Conlon, Jim Janz, Scott Lane

Councilmember Liaison: Cary Wiest

Staff: Mike Kashiwagi

Excused: Rosemary Maulbetsch

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approved as Submitted.

Motion: Phil Lively

Second: Jack Ringham

**4.0 PRESENTATIONS**

None

**5.0 REGULAR AGENDA**

**5a. Palo Alto Grade Separation and Trenching Study – no action taken**

- Study overview provided by Richard Hackman, City of Palo Alto
- To date, no official action taken by Palo Alto City Council
- Next step is to engage stakeholders to identify preferred alternative

**5b. Electrification FEIR Update – no action taken**

- Overview of City Council discussion provided by Mike Kashiwagi
- January 21, 2015 City Council authorized Mayor to send Town comments to FEIR
- January 27, 2015 City Council met in closed session and authorized filing CEQA lawsuit challenging the adequacy of the FEIR

**5c. Caltrain – Caltrain Staff**

- 1. Caltrain Station Maintenance** – no action taken
  - Mike Kashiwagi reported receipt of letter from Rosemary Maulbetsch outlining station maintenance deficiencies
  - Based upon information provided, staff will send letter to Caltrain
- 2. Quad Gates** – no new information provided
- 3. Hold Out Rule Status** – no action taken
  - Overview of alternatives studies present by Caltrain staff
  - No funding available

**5d. Potential Proposition 1A Litigation**

- Overview provided by Mike Brady
- Central Valley Prop 1A lawsuit going to trial Summer 2015
- Identified issues regarding the use of Prop 1A funding for Caltrain Electrification
  - Funding plan never provided for Peninsula HSR
  - Project termination at 4<sup>th</sup> and King vs Transbay terminal
  - Failure to meet SoCal to SF travel time requirement
- Mike Brady restated continued offer to represent the Town at no cost
- Actions taken by Rail Committee – Jim Janz did not participate
  - Supports continued representation by Mike Brady
  - Mike Brady to prepare draft complaint outlining scope/nature of lawsuit for City Council consideration
- Mike Brady recommended Town consider filing Prop 1A lawsuit in April 2015
- Mike Brady indicated CCHSR and TransDef would join Atherton

**6.0 COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm**

**The next Regular meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2015**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Kashiwagi