



June 15, 2018

Cary Wiest, Mayor
Town of Atherton
91 Ashfield Road
Atherton, CA 94027

RE: Interest in Collaborating on a Multi-City Rail Trench/Tunnel

Dear Mayor ~~Wiest~~ ^{Carey},

On behalf of the City of Menlo Park, I write this letter indicating the City's interest in considering a railroad trench/tunnel alternative for the Caltrain corridor.

The City Council recently identified a preferred alternative for grade separating Ravenswood Avenue. However, as part of the Council's deliberations on grade separation alternatives, the City continues to be interested in exploring options for placing the railroad in a trench or tunnel. The Council has requested that staff prepare conceptual designs and a financing analysis for a trench/tunnel, similar to the work prepared as part of the *Connecting Palo Alto* project.

Further, the City is reaching out to neighboring cities and other mid-peninsula cities that are considering grade separations of the Caltrain line to explore collaboration opportunities on a trench/tunnel. Similar letters are being sent to the Cities of Redwood City, Palo Alto, Mountain View and Sunnyvale. Menlo Park understands that Atherton is not currently considering grade separation alternatives, but has expressed interest in grade separation alternatives that lower the rail tracks. If the Town of Atherton has interest in pursuing a collaborative effort for a multi-city trench/tunnel, we would like to schedule a meeting to discuss potential areas of collaboration.

For more information or any questions, please contact Angela R. Obeso, Senior Transportation Engineer at 650-330-6770 or arobeso@menlopark.org.

Sincerely,

Peter I. Ohtaki
Mayor