



Town of Atherton
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, August 13, 2019
6:00 p.m.
HOLBROOK-PALMER PARK
MAIN HOUSE
150 Watkins Avenue
Special Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Jack Ringham, Greg Conlon, Paul Jones, Jim Janz, Alex Keh, Anthony Wynne
Councilmember Liaisons: Council Member Cary Wiest, Council Member Michael Lempres (Alternate)
Staff: Robert Ovadia

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – For items on the agenda.

(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on any matter on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Rail Committee. State law prohibits the Committee from acting on items not listed on the Agenda.)

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 2, 2019 and June 4, 2019

Recommendation: Approve minutes for April 2, 2019 and June 4, 2019

Approval of April 2, 2019 Minutes: Approved.

Motion: Alex Keh

Second: Jack Ringham

Approval of June 4, 2019 Minutes: Approved.

Motion: Alex Keh

Second: Anthony Wynne

4. PRESENTATIONS – None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (15 min)

The Committee will review recently adopted term durations and discuss the positions and duties of Chair and Vice Chair. **The Committee will act to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.**

Reference Document: Rail Committee Members and Terms

Alex Keh volunteered to serve as Chair, which was seconded by Chair Jones – Approved.
Selection of Vice Chair was deferred.

5b. Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Update and Discussion (5 min.)

The Committee will receive a brief report on current activities related to Caltrain’s electrification of the peninsula corridor. The Committee will have the opportunity to discuss current and upcoming activities as well as related items. **Not an action item.**

5c. Caltrain 2040 Business Plan Update (30 min.)

The Committee will receive a brief report on Caltrain’s 2040 Business Plan, including Caltrain’s long range service vision, preferred growth alternative and Organizational Analysis. The Committee will have the opportunity to discuss the business plan development, alternatives, impacts to the Town of Atherton, the Caltrain organizational assessment report as well as related items. **Not an action item.**

Reference Documents:

1. Long Range Vision Summary Memo - <https://www.caltrain2040.org/wp-content/uploads/Caltrain-BP-Service-Vision-Summary-Memo.pdf>
2. Long Range Vision Presentation - <https://www.caltrain2040.org/wp-content/uploads/Caltrain-BP-Service-Vision-Presentation.pdf>
3. Caltrain Organizational Assessment - <https://www.caltrain2040.org/wp-content/uploads/Caltrain-Organizational-Assessment-Full-Report.pdf>

5d. San Mateo County Grand Jury Report regarding the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) and Grade Separations

The Committee will receive a brief report on the San Mateo Grand Jury Report titled “GRADE SEPARATIONS – BYPASSES TO GREATER SAFETY”. The Committee will have the opportunity to discuss the grand jury report, its recommendations, proposed grade separations in nearby communities, related items and impacts to the Town of Atherton.

Reference Documents:

1. SMC Grand Jury Report: GRADE SEPARATIONS – BYPASSES TO GREATER SAFETY- http://www.sanmateocourt.org/documents/grand_jury/2018/grade_separations.pdf
2. Almanac News Article: Grand jury recommends coordinated Caltrain grade separation strategy - <https://www.almanacnews.com/news/2019/07/19/grand-jury-recommends-coordinated-caltrain-grade-separation-strategy>

5e. High Speed Rail Northern California Route Update (30 min.)

The Committee will receive a brief report on current status of High Speed Rail including recently released information regarding the preferred alternative for the Northern California segment and route, environmental and project timeline, planned community outreach and upcoming selection of the preferred alternative for the northern California route by the HSR Board. The Committee will have the opportunity to discuss current and upcoming activities as well as related items. **Not an action item.**

Reference Documents:

1. News Release: California High-Speed Rail to Make Public Recommendations for the State’s Preferred Alternatives in Northern California -
https://www.hsr.ca.gov/communication/news_room/news_releases/?id=17
2. Map of Alternative A -
https://www.hsr.ca.gov/docs/programs/statewide_rail/proj_sections/SanFran_SanJose/Staff-Recommended_SF_to_SJ_PREFERRED_Alternative.pdf
3. State’s Preferred Alternatives for Northern California Project Sections - Frequently Asked Questions -
https://www.hsr.ca.gov/docs/programs/statewide_rail/proj_sections/SanFran_SanJose/FAQs_Nor_Cal_070219.pdf
4. Local Policy Makers Working Group July 25, 2019, High Speed Rail update presentation
<http://www.caltrain.com/Assets/Caltrain+Modernization+Program/Meetings/LPMG/July+2019+LPMG+High+Speed+Rail+Presentation.pdf>

5f. Dumbarton Rail Corridor Update (5 min.)

The Committee will receive a brief report on the current status of the Dumbarton Rail Corridor. The Committee will have the opportunity to discuss the Dumbarton Rail Corridor, current and upcoming activities as well as related items. **Not an action item.**

6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of the Rail Committee’s Role

9. NEXT MEETING – October 1, 2019

10. ADJOURN

Motion: Paul Jones
Second: Jack Ringham
Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for: October 1, 2019

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