



**Town of Atherton  
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

94 Ashfield Road  
Atherton, California

1. **ROLL CALL** Janz (arrived at 6:20), J. Carlson (arrived at 7:37), McPherson (arrived at 7:00), Lively (departed at 7:35), Maulbetsch, Ringham, Conlon
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Engle - fencing for the entire Caltrain corridor would not be an outlandish cost.
3. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS**  
Conlon - presentations to CAC, JPB and TA re safety, grade separation is only sure solution  
- Caltrain needs psychiatrist to determine why people chose trains to commit suicide  
Lively - should send letter to TA asking for funds for grade separation study  
Maulbetsch - send letter re station so Mark Simon can respond at next month's meeting  
Ringham - Menlo Park Chamber discussed funds for Grand Boulevard, are funds available?
4. **STAFF REPORTS** - none

**REGULAR AGENDA**

5. **TRENCHING DISCUSSION**  
Engle gave presentation re his thoughts on grade separations  
Conlon - need federal involvement in design and funding  
Ringham - cost of trenching could exceed \$1/2 billion per mile  
Janz - need to generate enthusiasm for trenching on the Peninsula  
- asked Engle for status of HSR bond (2/3 legislature to be on ballot, 50% voters to pass)  
- Jones to contact consultant firms at rail conference to confirm design and costs of trench  
- Jones to discuss Footprint and Joint Grade Sep. studies with TA, JPB and MP  
- Janz will call Andy Cohen (MP) to get two cities on board with studies
6. **GRADE CROSSING UPGRADES – FOUR QUADRANT GATES**  
Revised Caltrain plans showing quad gates only at Fair Oaks were discussed  
- need to continue pressure on Caltrain and CPUC to require at both crossings
7. **ADJOURN at 8:00 PM** - next meeting June 3, 2008