

Rail Ad Hoc Committee 2024

2024 Ad hoc Committee Members: Council Member Pat Burt (Chair); Vice Mayor Ed Lauing; Council Member Julie Lythcott-Haims

2024 Activities:

The Rail Committee met nine (9) times and discussed the following projects, a more comprehensive report on the Committee's 2024 activities can be found on the November 19, 2024¹ agenda.

- Rail Grade Separation Projects at Churchill Avenue, Meadow Drive, and Charleston Road
- Quiet Zone Projects at Palo Alto Avenue, Churchill Ave, Meadow Dr, & Charleston Rd
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Update & Bicycle and Pedestrian recommendation between Seale Avenue and Kellogg Avenue
- Caltrain Corridor Strategy and Delivery Guide
- Safety Improvement Projects such as fencing improvements, intersection safety, etc.

The Rail Committee consistently reviewed rail issues, incorporated community input, and made recommendations to the City Council throughout the year.

January – March 2024

- Reviewed technical comments provided by Caltrain and its impacts to grade separation alternatives for direction to staff.
- Reviewed and discussed the draft Corridor Crossing Delivery Guide.
- Updated the Evaluation Matrix based on Council criteria and provided updates including property, environmental, bike/ped circulation and visual impacts.

April – June 2024

- Discussed high-level Caltrain comments including technical and four tracking impacts on project alternatives for recommendation to Council on selection of preferred alternatives.
- Reviewed the Funding Agreement between the City and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for the \$6 million grant funding.
- Reviewed bike/ped crossings for Churchill Underpass and selection of Seale Ave location.
- Discussed Caltrain security improvements and raised fence height near Churchill Avenue.

July – September 2024

- Review Quiet Zone Analysis and direction on Quiet Zone Implementation measures for Churchill Ave, Meadow Dr, and Charleston Road crossings.
- Provided updates on Enhanced Crossing projects near the Churchill Avenue crossing.

October – November 2024

- Review of the cooperative agreement between VTA, Caltrain, and the City for \$14M Measure B funding. for the Churchill Avenue, Meadow Drive, and Charleston Road crossings. As well as updates to the Bicycle and Transportation Plan for feedback.

¹ Rail Committee, November 19, 2024, Item #2;

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