



Rail Committee Staff Report

From: City Manager

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Lead Department: Transportation

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TITLE

Provide update from Caltrain's Local Policy Makers Group Meeting Regarding Caltrain Crossings Strategy Project, Review Caltrain's Proposed Metrics for Prioritizing Grade Crossings, and Propose Feedback for Caltrain Consideration

RECOMMENDATION

Provide update from Caltrain Local Policy Makers Group (LPMG) meeting regarding the Caltrain Crossings Strategy Project, review Caltrain's proposed metrics for prioritizing grade crossings, and propose feedback for Caltrain consideration.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Caltrain Local Policy Group (LPMG) convenes on a monthly basis to address matters and issues of interest to local agencies along the Caltrain corridor. During the meeting held on October 26, 2023, the Caltrain staff delivered an update to the LPMG regarding the Caltrain Corridor Crossing Strategy ([Meeting Agenda and Materials](#)).¹

As part of that presentation, Caltrain shared their proposed metrics for funding grade crossings. These criteria encompass four primary goals and outline factors under these goals as shown in Exhibit A - Proposed Metrics. The four major goals are

- Safe and Equitable Mobility
- Equitable Community Benefits
- Cost Efficiencies and Reliable Funding
- Maximize Rail Corridor Utility

¹ <https://www.caltrain.com/media/31885/download>

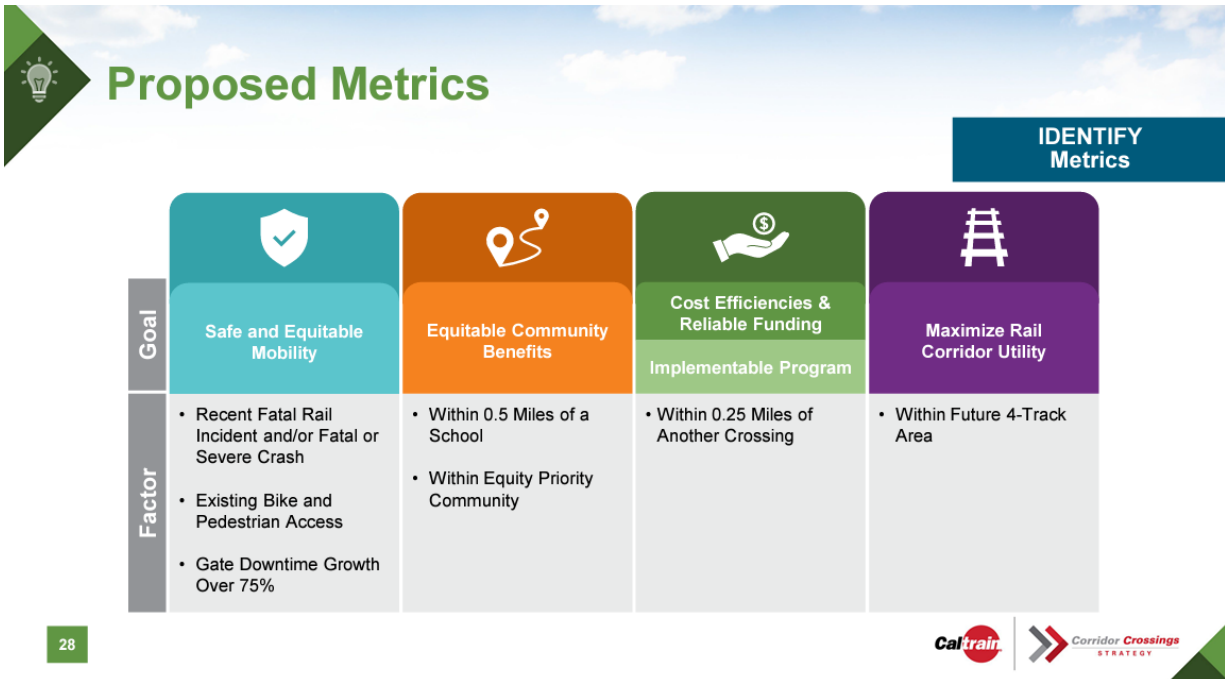


Exhibit A: Proposed Metrics

Therefore, in anticipation of future Caltrain discussion and potential adoption of the metrics, this agenda item is presented to the Committee for the purpose of assessing the suggested criteria and formulating any feedback to be conveyed to Caltrain.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

This item provides a platform for the review of the proposed metrics by Caltrain in prioritizing the grade separation project. There is not a financial impact associated with this item.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The City's Rail Committee meetings and Caltrain Local Policy Group Meetings are open to the public and therefore provide the community with the opportunity to provide comments to the rail committee, City, and Caltrain.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The recommendation in this report does not constitute a project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and is therefore not subject to environmental review.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: None

APPROVED BY:

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