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## Action Item 1

# Rail Committee

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## Grade Separation Evaluation Criteria

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Item	Element	Evaluation Criteria
A	East-West connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Facilitate movement across the corridor for all modes of transportation</li></ul>
B	Traffic congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reduce delay and congestion for automobile traffic at rail crossings</li></ul>
C	Pedestrian / bicycle circulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide clear and safe routes for pedestrians and bicyclists seeking to cross the rail corridor, separate from automobile traffic</li></ul>
D	Rail operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support continued rail operations and Caltrain service improvements</li></ul>
E	Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Finance the project with feasible funding sources</li></ul>
F	Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimize right-of-way acquisition</li></ul>
G	Environmental impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reduce rail noise and vibration along the corridor</li></ul>
H	Local access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maintain or improve access to neighborhoods, parks, schools and other destinations along the corridor while reducing regional traffic on neighborhood streets</li></ul>
I	Visual Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimize visual changes along the rail corridor</li></ul>
J	Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimize disruption and the duration of construction.</li></ul>

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## **Plans and Programs**

- Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (2022)
- 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2017)
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan
- Palo Alto Rail Corridor Study (2013)



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