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*Office of the City Manager*

February 4, 2015

Via email and first class mail

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board  
Attn.: Marian Lee, Executive Officer  
1250 San Carlos Avenue  
San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

**Re: Caltrain Electrification EIR**

Dear Ms. Lee:

Thank you for meeting with representatives of the City of Menlo Park and your follow up letter dated February 2, 2015. We appreciate this important outreach and your efforts to craft a collaborative solution to Menlo Park's concerns regarding the FEIR for the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project. Your prompt response is a further indication of the efforts Caltrain is making to address our concerns while undertaking the electrification project.

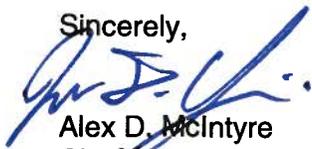
Your responses to the specific City concerns regarding tree replacement, traffic, service, and support for future grade separations are appreciated. Your commitment to follow Menlo Park's tree ordinance and the inclusion of relevant mitigations in the Electrification Design/Build RFP are particularly important to the City. Moreover, the commitment to assist us both with technical support and seeking funding for a future Ravenswood grade separation, should it be deemed feasible, is encouraging.

While some concerns remain unresolved and all the issues raised by the City have not been completely addressed in your letter, Menlo Park remains committed to working with Caltrain to resolve these. We look forward to the proper implementation of the project including compliance with the FEIR mitigations to enable the improved service and enhanced environmental benefits for residents made possible by electrification.

Your responsive letter and assurances alleviate concerns for any further legal action by Menlo Park over the FEIR certification at this time.

We look forward to working with you for the benefit of the project, its riders and our community.

Sincerely,

  
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City Manager

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