

June 8, 2012

Adrienne Tissier
Board Chair
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
P.O. Box 3008
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Re: Caltrain Proposed Service Increase Comments

Dear Chairperson Tissier, Board Members, and staff,

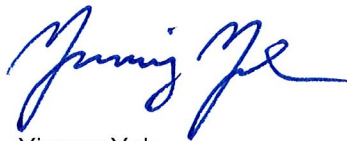
The City of Palo Alto is writing you today to submit our comments on the proposed Caltrain service increase. The City of Palo Alto, having the second highest ridership station on the line, has long been an outspoken supporter of Caltrain. Our support continues as we welcome the proposed additional service to our University Avenue station.

We request that you also study the possibility of additional service at our California Avenue station. We believe, based on both population density and proximity to residential and commercial areas, that the California Avenue station presents a tremendous opportunity for Caltrain passenger growth. Yet, at this time, the corresponding service necessary for that to happen doesn't exist.

We also request that in addition to exploring opportunities for additional service at the California Avenue station, Caltrain staff work with Stanford Research Park transportation managers to better understand how additional service at California Avenue might be optimized based on shuttle and work patterns. Palo Alto is confident that as Caltrain achieves a better understanding of how many potential Caltrain riders there are around the California Avenue station, service increases will be justified.

Again, thank you for your time and effort on this important subject and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Mayor, City of Palo Alto

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