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Dear Mr. Maltbie and Mr. Rubens,

The staff of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB), an independent joint powers agency that owns and operates the Caltrain commuter rail service, has been asked to provide a letter stating its position regarding potential negative impacts on Old County Road resulting from the future expansion of the Caltrain rail system due to its electrification project or the implementation of the blended system by the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) to accommodate high speed rail service.

The planning for the electrification of the Caltrain line has been underway for many years and is now in the environmental study phase.

No expansion of tracks is contemplated in the electrification program. As a result, the JPB's corridor electrification project should have no long-term impact on Old County Road.

The planning of the blended system by CHSRA to accommodate high speed rail is in the earliest stages. As a result, we cannot predict what the blended system will look like or require in the way of trackage or other key elements.

It is, therefore, impossible to predict whether the eventual design and construction of the blended system will have any impact on Old County Road.

We should note that there have been similar expressions of concern from communities throughout the Caltrain service area and we have provided them with the same response: The blended system is undefined at this time and we cannot predict its impact.

Understanding the concerns of the residents of the east side of San Carlos and all the communities we serve, the Joint Powers Board does commit, however, to the goals of avoiding and minimizing impacts to our communities, where feasible, in building the blended system and electrification, including any staging necessary to accommodate construction. To your specific concerns, this commitment extends, most assuredly, to Old County Road.

We will know with more certainty about the scope of the blended system when that project goes through the CEQA/NEPA processes to evaluate and clear the blended system,

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which may include passing tracks on the Caltrain system at locations that have not been determined. That process will be separate from the environmental process for the corridor electrification project.

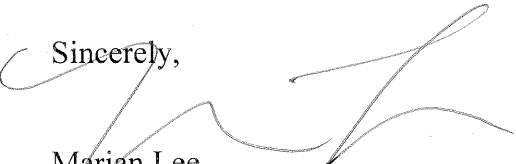
It is important to note that the CHSRA has developed an Alternative 4-Track Design, an overhead track alignment that allows 4 tracks to fit into the existing right of way and does not result in lane closures or significant impacts to Old County Road or neighboring properties in San Carlos. The City's support of this alternative design was conveyed to CHSRA in a February 12, 2012 letter from San Carlos Mayor Andy Klein.

The Joint Powers Board has reviewed the conceptual design and the preliminary indications are that it holds significant promise for avoiding or minimizing the impacts to Old County Road.

Given the need for CHSRA to conduct a full environmental review of the blended system, however, it is impossible for anyone to commit to a particular configuration at this time.

We hope this letter provides useful information to the city as it proceeds with the planning for the San Carlos Transit Village project.

Sincerely,



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