

DUMBARTON RAIL

CORRIDOR PROJECT

Welcome to the Dumbarton Rail Corridor Scoping Meeting

Scoping Meetings are one of the first steps in the environmental process for the Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project. We want your comments on the project purpose and need, the alternatives to be evaluated and the environmental impacts. All comments will be given serious consideration. Please visit the stations around the room to learn more about the project.

Station 1 - Welcome Station

Station 2 - Project Purpose and Need

Station 3 - Project Description and Alternatives

Station 4 - Environmental Review Process

Station 5 - Public Comment Station

After the open house period, staff will give a brief presentation about the project. Following the presentation, there will be a one-hour period for people to provide comments about the project purpose and need, proposed alternatives or environmental impacts. If you wish to speak during the public comment period, please fill out a speaker request card at Station 5 before or during the public comment period.

After the meeting, please return your completed comment sheet to Station 1 or Station 5.

Agenda

6:30 pm
Sign-In / Open House

7:15 pm
Welcome /
Technical Presentation

7:30 pm
Public Comment Period

8:30 pm
Close

East Bay Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006

6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Newark Community Center
35501 Cedar Blvd.
Newark

West Bay Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006

6:30 pm-8:30 pm
City of Menlo Park Senior Center
110 Terminal Ave.
Menlo Park



If you would like to submit
comments in writing, please
send them to:

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Or email: dumbarton_comments@caltrain.com

Comments must be received by Nov. 30, 2006

New rail service to link the East Bay and West Bay and connect to BART, ACE, Capitol Corridor and Caltrain.

Reason for Project

This project will use existing rail infrastructure to improve connections between Bay Area public transit systems and the regional rail network. It also will help alleviate traffic congestion on the Dumbarton Bridge (State Route 84) and connecting highways, increase commute options, and improve the regional transportation network's ability to accommodate future demands. The Dumbarton Rail Corridor will link Caltrain, the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE), Amtrak's Capitol Corridor, BART, and regional bus systems.



Project Description

The project will rehabilitate rail bridges and tracks that span the bay between Redwood City and Newark, and improve existing tracks and signal controls from Newark, through Fremont to Union City. It will also involve the construction of three new passenger rail stations in Menlo Park/East Palo Alto, Newark, Union City, and a new layover facility in the East Bay, as well as upgrade the Fremont Centerville Station.

The proposed Dumbarton train service will consist of six trains across the bridge during the morning commute and six during the evening commute. Morning trains will originate at the Union City Intermodal Station, cross the bay to Redwood City, and then three trains will travel north to San Francisco and three will travel south to San Jose. In the evening, all trains will reverse pattern and travel back to Union City.

Alternatives Proposed for Environmental Review

An alternatives analysis was conducted to formulate the most feasible rail and bus alternatives for detailed environmental studies. Two rail alternatives and a bus alternative were identified in addition to the "No Action" alternative.

Environmental Review Process

The environmental studies will evaluate environmental impacts including but not limited to: community, geologic and seismic, land use, socioeconomic, transportation/traffic, biological resources/wetlands, environmental justice, air quality, energy, utilities, cultural resources, hazardous wastes, noise and vibration and visual/aesthetic impacts.

After these two scoping meetings, the project team will consider the comments received, perform the environmental studies and prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR). In spring 2008, there will be a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIS/EIR. The current schedule aims to complete the environmental process during 2009. If one of the rail alternatives is selected, service could start in 2012.