



JPB Board of Directors  
Meeting of August 6, 2026

Correspondence as of June 12, 2026

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**From:** [Autumn Pinkney](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** Complaint  
**Date:** Saturday, June 6, 2026 2:44:19 PM

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**From:** [Blago Taskov](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** Trash on every highway I go  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2026 2:24:13 AM

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Find a way to make the fine for littering \$10,000 for first offence, \$100,000 for second if needed.

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**Clean it up.**

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**Do better,**  
Best,  
Blago.

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**From:** [Caltrain BOD Public Support](#)  
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**Cc:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board (@caltrain.com))  
**Subject:** Re: Trash on every highway I go  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2026 12:25:46 PM

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Dear Blago Taskov,

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns.

Maintaining clean roadways is important to both residents and visitors, and we appreciate you bringing your concerns forward.

Please note that litter removal and maintenance along state highways are the responsibility of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). We encourage you to contact Caltrans directly regarding these concerns, as they are the agency best equipped to address highway maintenance, litter abatement, and related enforcement matters.

Thank you again for sharing your feedback.

Your Caltrain BOD Public Support Team

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Thanks so much for the prompt and on point reply.

I'll do better,  
Blago.

On Mon, 8 Jun 2026 at 12:25, Caltrain BOD Public Support  
<[CaltrainBODPublicSupport@caltrain.com](mailto:CaltrainBODPublicSupport@caltrain.com)> wrote:

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**Cc:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board (@caltrain.com))  
**Subject:** Re: Complaint  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2026 2:45:17 PM

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Dear Autumn Pinkney,

Thank you for contacting us regarding this incident.

We are sorry to hear about your experience. Your concern has been forwarded to a Transit Police Sergeant for review and assignment of appropriate follow-up.

If you have any additional information regarding the incident, such as the date, time, train number, location, or a description of the individual involved, please provide those details to Transit Police at 1.877.723.7245 as they may assist with the review.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

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**From:** Board (@caltrain.com) <board@caltrain.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2026 2:44 PM  
**To:** Caltrain BOD Public Support <CaltrainBODPublicSupport@caltrain.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Complaint

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**From:** Autumn Pinkney <4trueh13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2026 9:43:54 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik  
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**Subject:** Complaint

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**From:** [Caltrain BOD Public Support](#)  
**To:** [barkleesanders@gmail.com](mailto:barkleesanders@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board (@caltrain.com))  
**Subject:** Re: Fire & trespassing hazard bordering the Caltrain mainline — open fires at the I-280 viaduct encampment, Mariposa St, Dogpatch (SF311 #101004153650; Caltrans CSR #1171363)  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2026 2:51:12 PM

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Dear Barklee Sanders,

Thank you for taking the time to report this concern and for providing such detailed information.

We understand your concerns regarding the reported encampment, fire activity, and potential safety hazards near the Caltrain right-of-way in the Dogpatch area. Safety remains a top priority, and we appreciate your efforts in documenting and reporting these conditions.

Your concerns have been forwarded to the appropriate departments for review. In addition, our Right-of-Way (ROW) crew will visit the site to assess the reported conditions and determine whether any action is needed within Caltrain's jurisdiction.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention and for your continued vigilance regarding the safety of the rail corridor.

Sincerely,  
Your Caltrain BOD Public Support Team

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**From:** Board (@caltrain.com) <board@caltrain.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 31, 2026 10:52 PM  
**To:** Caltrain BOD Public Support <CaltrainBODPublicSupport@caltrain.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Fire & trespassing hazard bordering the Caltrain mainline — open fires at the I-280 viaduct encampment, Mariposa St, Dogpatch (SF311 #101004153650; Caltrans CSR #1171363)

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**From:** Barklee Sanders <barkleesanders@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2026 5:52:41 AM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik  
**To:** Board (@caltrain.com)  
**Subject:** Fire & trespassing hazard bordering the Caltrain mainline — open fires at the I-280 viaduct encampment, Mariposa St, Dogpatch (SF311 #101004153650; Caltrans CSR #1171363)

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To the Caltrain / Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Chief Safety Officer, and Transit Police,

I am writing to report a fire and trespassing hazard on the State/Caltrans Interstate 280 right-of-way that directly borders the Caltrain mainline corridor in Dogpatch, San Francisco, and to ask that it be addressed under Caltrain's Corridor Right-of-Way Safety Strategy.

LOCATION: The encampment beneath the elevated I-280 viaduct at Mariposa St, Dogpatch (Caltrans Route 280, postmile R6.684; SF311 #101004153650; Caltrans CSR #1171363). This site sits immediately adjacent to the Caltrain right-of-way through Dogpatch (the corridor running to the 22nd St station).

THE HAZARD TO THE RAIL CORRIDOR: Occupants are setting OPEN FIRES directly beneath the elevated I-280 deck and tapping electricity. Sustained fire under an elevated structure adjacent to an active rail line is a direct threat to the Caltrain corridor — both the fire/heat exposure and a potential structural failure of the I-280 viaduct beside your tracks (cf. the 2017 NTSB-documented I-85 Atlanta viaduct collapse, which occurred next to a rail yard from a fire underneath the deck). This is exactly the trespassing-and-encampment-near-ROW risk your Corridor ROW Safety Strategy, fencing program, and CCTV/RailSentry deterrence are meant to address.

THIS SPOT HAS BEEN CLEARED BEFORE — IT CAN BE AGAIN: City and State crews have already resolved encampments at this exact intersection:

- SF311 #101001089689 — "Case Resolved - HSOC" — I-280 N off-ramp at Mariposa St (Dec 2024)
  - SF311 #101000533809 — "Case Resolved - CalTrans" — same intersection (Dec 2024)
- Yet my May 30, 2026 report was cancelled as "Caltrans handles this part," with no removal.

REQUESTS:

1. Please coordinate with Caltrans District 4 (which owns the I-280 right-of-way; [caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov)) on abatement of the encampment and fire load, given the proximity to your mainline.
2. Please evaluate this location for Caltrain's fencing / CCTV / RailSentry deterrence under the Corridor ROW Safety Strategy.
3. I am separately reporting the immediate fire/safety hazard to Transit Police via 1-877-SAF-RAIL.

For reference, I have filed Caltrans CSR tickets 1171363 (encampment) and 1171364 (under-deck fencing), an Exhibit A amendment request to SF Public Works and Caltrans D4, and CPRA requests with both agencies.

Thank you for your attention to the safety of the corridor.

Barklee Sanders  
barkleesanders@gmail.com

**From:** [Caltrain BOD Public Support](#)  
**To:** [aambiel@ambiel.org](mailto:aambiel@ambiel.org)  
**Cc:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Join us on 12 June 2026 to Welcome the Swiss Soccer Fans to the Bay Area  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2026 2:57:43 PM

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Dear Arnold Ambiel,

Thank you for your invitation and for thinking of Caltrain.

We appreciate being included in your Swiss Fan Welcome Party and are honored by the connection you have made between Caltrain's Stadler trains and the Swiss visitors traveling to the event.

Unfortunately, due to prior commitments, Caltrain representatives will be unable to attend. While we regret that we cannot join you, we wish you and your guests a wonderful event and a successful celebration.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Best regards,

Your Caltrain BOD Public Support Team

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**From:** Board (@caltrain.com) <board@caltrain.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2026 6:58 PM  
**To:** Caltrain BOD Public Support <CaltrainBODPublicSupport@caltrain.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Join us on 12 June 2026 to Welcome the Swiss Soccer Fans to the Bay Area

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**From:** Arnold Ambiel <aambiel@ambiel.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2026 1:56:57 AM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik  
**To:** Customer Service <customerservice@caltrain.com>; Board (@caltrain.com) <board@caltrain.com>  
**Cc:** aelplergruppe@gmail.com <aelplergruppe@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Join us on 12 June 2026 to Welcome the Swiss Soccer Fans to the Bay Area

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Hi,

We'd like to invite Caltrain representatives to attend our Swiss Fan Welcome party on Friday

night 12 June in Newark CA at the Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Hall. Since Swiss Stadler trains operated by Caltrain will deliver most of the fans taking public transit to the stadium, it is only appropriate that we ask you to attend.

The event will be Western themed for our Swiss guests and include local and traveling fans. There will be a bell ringing parade during the evening, so feel free to bring your own bell, to participate.

We expect fans, Swiss business and government representatives and the media for an evening of California Swiss hospitality.

Please contact me with any questions.

Hope to see you there,

Arnold

Arnold Ambiel  
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Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club  
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**From:** [John Kelly](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** Concern  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:23:17 PM

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Gentlepeople,

Can someone please tell me what is going on with your service between Diridon and Gilroy? Although I only ride the train twice a week, there has been a huge problem at least two of those days in the past two weeks.

Today, after waiting to get on 814, we all got on. After sitting and waiting for departure time, I heard the engine go off as well as seeing the lights go out. We waited for a while and then they came and told us we had to go to a train waiting behind us, as there were some kind of mechanical problems.

So we walk down to that train, again waiting to board, and then we hear to go to track 4 instead. So everyone starts walking down the ramp, and then we're told not to go and to turn back around. We finally get on that train, and after about ten minutes, they tell us there's more trouble, so now we have to get off this train, and go to track 4. Then, while they're piddling around, we have to wait outside instead of being let in to sit down. It was one of the most ridiculous, messed up management of anything I've ever seen. Almost the same thing had happened the previous week, or the one before, and in the Army, we would call this a huge clusterf---, where nobody knew what the heck they were doing.

As an addendum, let me add that I travel to what would be considered a third world country, every year, and I live there for three months. I take the train there,

and it's a train from back in the 60's. But every day, even though old and worn out, the train is on time every single day.

So what is it? Is it because you want us all to get fed up and quit riding to Morgan Hill or Gilroy, so you can do away with that trip? That's what I believe. I know you want to screw that part of the south. If it isn't that, then you've got some mechanical people who don't know what the heck they're doing. Why does it happen so often, and also, why does that 814 never leave on time??

So if you can't get the train to run, can you at least have someone there that will direct people to the right place?

Right now, if someone asked me how the Caltrain service is, all I can say is that it's very embarrassing.

Get it together and knock off the excuses. We don't want to hear it.

John Kelly  
A concerned rider