

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) Liaison Report
Meeting of October 1, 2026**

Closed Sessions: Conference with Real Property Negotiator (closed session held pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8) Description of property: 2690 Middlefield Road, Units D, E, F, G, H, Redwood City, California 94063; Negotiating parties: Redwood Junction; - There **was** no reportable actions.

Report of the Executive Director - Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director, provided a report which included the following:

- Received American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Safety Award for the second consecutive year
- 24 citations were issued during a two-hour grade crossing enforcement effort
- Safety treatments at all 41 grade crossings expected to be completed by January 2027
- Ridership reached approximately 80 percent of pre-COVID levels, with higher ridership on Tuesdays through Thursdays
- Ongoing Clipper improvements and financial settlement efforts
- Community outreach and Transit Month events were held
- Staff developing budget scenarios and will return after election results certified with preliminary Fiscal Year 2028 (FY28) budget

Staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding driver behavior at grade crossings.

JPB Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items:

- Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2026
- Approve and Ratify Liability Cap Insurance Premium for Fiscal Year 2027*
- Authorize the Application for and Receipt of Annual Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funds for Ridership Recovery Service Enhancement
- Authorize Amendment 2 to Contract with Nixon Peabody LLP to Provide Bond and Tax Counsel Services*
- Authorize Executive Director to Execute Amendment No. 2 to the Service Agreement with the City of Sunnyvale for the Completion of Design for the Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing Project**
- Authorize Execution of Amendment No. 6 to Contract No. 23-J-C-040 with Flatiron-Herzog Joint Venture for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMCG) Support Services and Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. 23-J-P-041 with Mark Thomas for Designer Services for Broadway Burlingame Grade Separation Project 100 Percent Design

Authorize Executive Director to Execute a Master Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for the Rengstorff Grade Separation Project – Sherry Bullock, Deputy Executive Director, Engineering, Capital and Modernization, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Designed to separate vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles from the Caltrain tracks
- Transition of lead agency responsibilities from Caltrain to Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) following completion of the 65 percent design
- Caltrain's continued role in railroad coordination, quality assurance, inspection, and final project acceptance
- Roles, responsibilities, liability, insurance requirements, and commercial terms under the Master Cooperative Agreement

Staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding the following:

- Transition of the AECOM design contract to VTA and the procurement process
- Ownership, inspection, and acceptance of project assets
- Liability and insurance requirements following project completion
- Updated project cost estimates and funding gap
- Construction schedule and sequencing of project components

Receive Annual Ridership Report for Fiscal Year 2026 – Nicholas Atchison, Planning Analyst III, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- 12.6 million total riders, a 38 percent increase from FY25
- Average weekday ridership of nearly 41,000 and weekend ridership of more than 21,000
- Continued ridership growth following electrification, special events, and increased weekend service
- Weekday ridership recovery and differences in ridership between midweek and Mondays and Fridays
- Ridership growth at key stations, including 22nd Street Station
- Increased systemwide ridership associated with Giants home games
- Development of an electric multiple unit (EMU)-based automatic passenger counter (APC) system for future ridership reporting

Staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding the following:

- Timeline for implementation of the APC system
- Preliminary FY27 ridership trends and peak commute ridership data
- Marketing strategies to promote Caltrain as an alternative to driving
- Ridership and capacity trends for bicycles and bike cars
- Bike parking, lockers, security, and station facilities
- Opportunities to promote Caltrain through sporting events and other special events

Receive Update Regarding 2026 Customer Satisfaction Survey and Key Findings – Julian Jest, Manager, Market Research and Development, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Overall customer satisfaction remained high at 4.4 out of 5 rating
- Approximately 37,000 unique riders added since 2021
- Strengths in safety, station experience, on-time performance, and conductor service
- Restroom cleanliness and customer communications identified as areas for improvement
- Special events identified as a key driver of new riders
- Efforts to improve restroom servicing, customer feedback, and rider communications

Staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding restroom availability and cleanliness and audio announcement clarity.

Receive State and Federal Legislative Update – Item was deferred.

Receive Update on Guadalupe River Bridge Project – Ms. Bullock provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Construction remains on schedule for March 2027 substantial completion and within the \$171 million budget
- River flow restored to the lower bank and diversion equipment removed
- Union Pacific Railroad completing main track 1 (MT1) installation
- Approximately 88,000 construction hours completed without an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-recordable incident
- \$8.8 million in project contingency remains
- Habitat restoration and offsite mitigation work to continue through 2027

Monthly Reports were provided on the following items:

- Report of the Chair – Chair Medina reported there is no report.
- Report of the Community Advisory Committee – Available Online
- Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) – Chair Burt reported there is no report.
- Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) - Chair Gee reported that TJPA focused on transit center maintenance and asset management, while Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) work continues incrementally pending additional funding.