

# Appendix G. Non-CEQA Comment Letters

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:31:58 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Chris Winters

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Support for Project

**Comment:**

Please build the connection to the South Bay. Now more then ever California needs to connect more of its cities together using rail. These important connections allow for easier travel and less traffic on our roads. Thank you

2-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94545

**Subject:**

Please continue consideration of new CC station in Hayward

**Comment:**

Hello,

As a Hayward resident and user of Capitol Corridor to travel to both San Jose and Sacramento to see family, please continue consideration for a Hayward station near SR92. The loss of the current Hayward station with this new alignment without an alternative station will effect my ability to use the service make it harder for me to connect with friends and family.

3-1

Thanks,  
Peyton

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**Organization:**

Transbay Coalition

**ZIP Code:**

94610

**Subject:**

Environmental costs from project delays, speed up project delivery

**Comment:**

The South Bay Connect is an excellent project and will be a net gain for the environment as faster rail service will induce more people to switch from driving on the corridor to riding. The best ways to make rail service faster are to of course electrify service (as Caltrain has done) and to make a straighter route. This new route is an excellent choice and should be used immediately. The biggest environmental impact will come from the delay in the implementation of this change. Every day this project does not go forward is another day of higher emissions from drivers who have not yet switched to riding the rails. Please speed up project delivery on this-- the climate can't wait!

4-1

**From:** [Thevideomaker133guy](mailto:Thevideomaker133guy)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** Haywarders need trains too! And what about ACE?  
**Date:** Sunday, June 2, 2024 12:42:26 AM

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I'd like to start off by saying I'm a train enthusiast from the hayward area, switching between houses near the southern and northern parts of Hayward. I use the Hayward station for trainwatching all the time, but I have used it to board trains before as well. I know there are also nearby commuters using the Capitol Corridor on a daily basis as well; not to mention any travellers or other folks from the area who need to use the local and convenient access point to Amtrak's entire system the Hayward station provides.

9-1

One thing I noticed was that construction projects were just completed giving the stations in Hayward and Fremont makeovers, with hayward having recieved a new platform, new pedestrian fences, signage, lightposts, security cameras, etc. If service were totally discontinued to the Hayward and Fremont stations, all that taxpayer money and labor would go to waste.

Also, if trains were rerouted over to the coast sub, passengers transferring over to ACE to get from Fremont to Stockton would have a harder time doing so within Fremont, and it'd cost them more money and time to make that transfer elsewhere. I would also hope that the new ardenwood station actually be constructed if this plan as it was written were to come into fruition, but it still would not directly serve any passengers transferring to ACE or, for that matter, anyone in Hayward at all. I have attempted to use the Ardenwood park & ride lot to ride a bus across the Dumbarton bridge, too, but that little parking lot is ALWAYS packed; even without a train station.

9-2

Overall, I am generally opposed to the idea of rerouting all Capitol trains to the coast sub for the above reasons. If any Capitol trains were to be rerouted over to the Coast Sub with the new station having been built, I'd still want the majority of them going over the Niles subdivision to serve the aforementioned communities.

That being said, if I were to make some changes to the plan as it is, I would suggest finding room to make a station somewhere in Hayward on the Coast Sub, and to maybe not use the ardenwood park & ride as the main goal for a station in Fremont due to the issues connecting to ACE. It would be better to see a new station planned not too far south of Control Point Newark (as this is the junction where the Niles and Coast subs meet to head south) potentially very close to Mowry by the Silliman aquatic center. Having the station close to but south of CP Newark would allow access for ACE transfer in fremont while still having Capitol rains run over the Coast Sub. I still wouldn't like to see these changes be made, though, as I literally live a few blocks away from the curent hayward station and I among others use it, for whatever reason we do.

9-3

I wish you guys the best in your commuter operations, and BRING CDTX 2011 AND 2051 BACK TO PASSENGER SERVICE!

-An anonymous railfanner

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94611

**Subject:**

Bad Idea

**Comment:**

I take CapitolCorridor 3x per week out of Hayward. Now I would need to drive. Terrible idea. 13-1  
Run the freight trains at night.

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Noise pollution

**Comment:**

These tracks run right behind my back fence here in San Lorenzo ca. There is a major concern for increased noise pollution. There is also the reality that my homes value will go down because of the increased train activity. This is a horrible idea for anyone with homes that back up to these tracks.

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**Organization:**

Microsoft

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

Amazing step towards public transit

**Comment:**

Hello South Bay Connect,

I am a resident of Fremont, CA near Ardenwood.

I really appreciate your initiative to expand the public transport coverage and accessibility. Bay area is in severe need of a good public transport system and this project seems to be correct step ahead. I wish to provide my full support for this project and hope that this brings some much needed public transport to Fremont, CA.

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

98005

**Subject:**

Fully support this project

**Comment:**

Really looking forward to utilizing this train service when its ready, it will cut my commute time down substantially |<sup>21-1</sup>

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

This will be amazing (Capitol Corridor SBC)

**Comment:**

Thanks to everyone involved in this project and getting it closer to reality. Our family is a huge Amtrak Capitol Corridor user/ fan. Thanks for getting a train station in Ardenwood where we live.

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Captain corridor

**Comment:**

This should be done for better connectivity. | 26-1

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

Is this a good use of tax payer's money?

**Comment:**

I am a resident in the california meadow HOA.

Is this a good use of money, given all other priorities in California?

27-1

Specifically, it looks like this is a \$600M project, only to save up to 13 minutes for commuting  
I would argue that if we want to save commuting time, we should do a more comprehensive  
study.

For neighborhood that is along the railroad, people will suffer (even more) from vibration and  
noise.

27-2

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Liz Knight

**Email:**

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Freight Train through Niles???

**Comment:**

Short and to the point -- I'm a very concerned Niles resident who does not want to see trains carrying primarily freight moving through our quaint little town. Passenger trains - YES! Freight trains should be located away from towns and communities where homes and people could be harmed in any way (ie derailment, air/sound pollution, etc. Please consider our overall quality of life when making such decisions.  
Thank you -- Liz Knight

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Arpit Kumar

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Is the decision already made or not?

**Comment:**

Hello

I want to know that whether the decision to convert the existing fright train track to have passenger trains passing through the Ardenwood area already a done deal or public comments and votes can make difference in changing the verdict? Lot of times such meetings are for show only and no real decisions are made or changed based on these meetings.

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94536

**Subject:**

The Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

**Comment:**

I oppose eliminating the Capitol Corridor stops at the Centerville station. it is a much-used station by people who have no other way to get from Fremont to points north. My daughter uses it regularly to travel from school in Sacramento home to Fremont. Eliminating this stop would be a disservice to travelers who support the Capitol Corridor route. As a Niles resident, I also am concerned about any increase in freight traveling through the district. There are many residents who live near the tracks who would be adversely affected by the noise and potential hazards of flammable cargo in the event of an accident.

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30-2

**From:** [Grasshopper](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** Voicemail from (408) 368-8356  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 2:31:41 PM  
**Attachments:** [grasshopper +14083688356 6 11 2024 213179306.mp3](#)

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## New Grasshopper Voicemail

**Caller:** (408) 368-8356  
**Extension:** 3 - South Bay Connect - Main VM  
**Grasshopper #:** (510) 244-3667  
**Timestamp:** 6/11/2024 2:31:23 PM Pacific Daylight Time

## Read Your Voicemail

"Hi, my name is June Desai. I'm a commuter that uses the capital corridor to get from my apartment in Haywood to my job in Santa Clara, and I was just curious. I was looking over the South Bay Connect plan and it doesn't seem like there's going to be a Haywood station at all. It looks like according to what I can see on the plan it's going to run straight from Oakland all the way to the new station in Fremont without any kind of stop in San Leandro or Haywood. Yeah, I hope I don't have that right because I rely on this train to get to work. My number is 408-368-8356 and Yes, if the plan will remove that station. I I'm a little opposed to it. I gotta say. Thank you"

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Tyler Dragoni

**Email:**

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Replace Hayward Station

**Comment:**

Putting the station far away in Ardenwood is not a good idea. Encouraging the practice of driving long distances to a train station negates the air quality improvements touted by the project's proponents. The EIR is significantly flawed. The Hayward Station was created when the Bay Area population was significantly smaller. You can't logically eliminate a station and claim its good for the environment and air quality. Find the funding. Build a Hayward Station.

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**Organization:**

Personal

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

Comment on project

**Comment:**

I oppose project based on cost, environment and ridership basis. This will also add to noise and community homeowners already have noise due to freight trains. 34-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Leah Burns

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Data on union pacific future plans

**Comment:**

Who is to say that there won't be higher congestion due to union pacific freight trains down the line and we will be in same situation as today?

35-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Leah Burns

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Less than significant impact isn't enough

**Comment:**

We need to strive for no to low impact especially with how climate change is going |

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**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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858-366-2873

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

We disapprove adding train lines

**Comment:**

My whole family and child strongly disapprove adding more public trains to our existing quiet and peaceful community within California Meadows. More usage of trains can hamper our lives esp. our children's who love to play outside our homes. Would find it less peaceful when they are affected by the constant vibration and rattling disturbance from the moving train additions and can no longer play outdoors. Our house is right next to the train line and even indoors we are subject to some train vibration felt inside our home. We can only imagine how much more vibration we have to endure if the train frequencies went up, whether that would encroach harmony and become a tortuous liability. You request you not to alter anything and let our quality of life remain.

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Bob Xu

**Email:**

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

Against Capitol Corridor South Connection Project

**Comment:**

This project will not really bring any obvious benefit to solve commute congestion on I888 or other freeways between Oakland and San Jose. I suggest using the fund to build and improve bus lines to bring people to Bart stations from home and work. For example, add more bus routes with EV buses, increase the frequency of bus lines to Bart stations.

Thanks

Bob

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**From:** [Bob Xu](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** Against the Capitol Corridor South Bay Connection Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 9:00:22 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This project will not really bring any obvious benefit to solve commute congestion on I-888 or other freeways between Oakland and San Jose. I suggest using the fund to build and improve bus lines to bring people to Bart stations from home and work. For example, add more bus routes with EV buses, increase the frequency of bus lines to Bart stations.

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Thanks  
Bob

From: [Mendoza\\_Tino](mailto:Mendoza_Tino)  
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Subject: Re: South Bay Connect Project - Updates  
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:31:41 PM  
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[image002.png](#)

Good afternoon,

Following up on the below project and email to see when potentially this project would be advertising for construction bids.

42-1

Regards,

Tino Mendoza  
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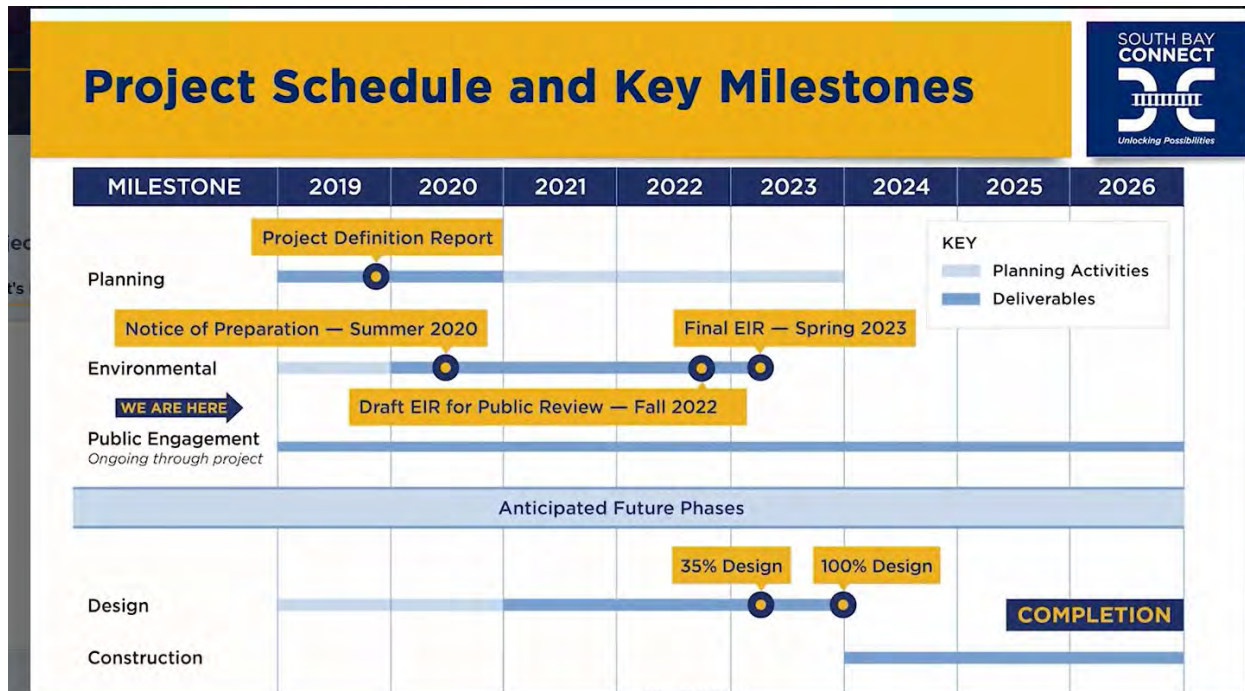
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Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:20 AM  
To: [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com) <[info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)>  
Subject: South Bay Connect Project - Updates

Good morning,

I'm an Estimator at RailWorks Track Services, LLC (trackwork contractor) and wanted to inquire about the subject project – South Bay Connect. I'm aware that the CCIPA has received funding through Measure BB, RM3, SRA, STIP, TIRCP as stated in the FY 2024-2025 Business Plan – January 2023.

Does the below procurement and construction schedule still hold validity? We would like to confirm so we know when to expect a bid advertise and can properly plan our resources. If construction is slated for 2024 through 2026 (2 year project), then that would mean it would need to advertise soon.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



Regards,

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

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**Subject:**

Please do not close the Hayward Amtrak Station

**Comment:**

It is a convenient station for commuting to San Jose, just it was more frequent and price-| 43-1 competitive with BART.

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, June 14, 2024 4:21:35 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Nancy Boraas

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Properly value

**Comment:**

Have you do a study on bringing down our property values because of the increase in amtrak trains going right behind my backyard 14 times a day? There is also a concern with dust and noise and pollution being stirred up.

44-1  
44-2

**From:** [Ryan O"Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, June 14, 2024 12:45:19 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Hayward + Fremont

**Comment:**

Our urban communities need MORE transportation options, not LESS. Eliminating CapCorridor access in Hayward and central Fremont is an attack on ability of folks in those communities to get around without automobiles.  
PLEASE RECONSIDER!

45-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Sunday, June 16, 2024 3:17:57 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

Don't change cc route to ardenwood

**Comment:**

Dear City Council/Planning Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to reroute the rail line through our neighborhood. While I understand the intention behind improving transportation infrastructure, this particular plan appears to be ill-conceived and fraught with drawbacks. 46-1

**Financial Concerns**

First and foremost, this rerouting represents a significant financial burden on taxpayers. The costs associated with relocating the rail line, constructing new infrastructure, and mitigating the adverse effects on the neighborhood are substantial. These funds could be better allocated towards projects that offer more tangible benefits to our community. 46-2

**Lack of Neighborhood Benefits**

The proposed reroute does not provide any meaningful benefits to our neighborhood. Instead of enhancing our area, it introduces several negative impacts, including:

**Increased Noise Pollution:** The constant noise from passing trains will disrupt the peace and quiet that our residents currently enjoy. This noise pollution can significantly affect the quality of life, particularly for those who live closest to the tracks. 46-3

Increased Foot Traffic and Strangers: The presence of a rail line will inevitably bring more foot traffic and unfamiliar individuals into our neighborhood. This change could lead to safety concerns and a sense of insecurity among residents. 46-4

#### Potential Risks

The introduction of a rail line through our residential area poses several risks:

Safety Hazards: Increased rail traffic can raise the risk of accidents and pose a danger to pedestrians, especially children and the elderly. 46-5

Property Values: The negative aspects associated with the rail line, such as noise and safety concerns, can lead to a decline in property values in the neighborhood. 46-6

#### Conclusion

In light of these concerns, I urge the decision-makers to reconsider this proposal. It is essential to prioritize the well-being and preferences of the current residents. Instead, I propose exploring alternative routes or solutions that do not disrupt established neighborhoods and consider projects that offer greater overall benefit with fewer downsides. 46-7

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Sunday, June 16, 2024 8:00:47 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Strongly oppose this proposal

**Comment:**

I strongly oppose this proposal. I have already sent a bunch of comments earlier but in addition to that, I want to say that the vibration and noise from just the 2 existing Amtrack passenger trains is too much and no one in right mind in all the neighborhoods can tolerate additional 8-10 passenger trains that would add additional vibration and noise especially when the draft EIR doesn't have any mitigations at all to reduce vibration and noise.

47-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, June 17, 2024 5:33:56 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94710

**Subject:**

comments on Draft EIR for South Bay Connect

**Comment:**

Thank you for the thorough Draft EIR.  
I am overwhelmingly in favor of continuing to develop the South Bay Connect! | 49-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, June 17, 2024 10:34:12 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Jianyu Zhou

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Strongly oppose addition of train station at Ardenwood

**Comment:**

It is a bad idea. The surrounding traffic is already terrible. There is not enough space to accommodate more traffic and make it worse for daily travelers to get on the 84 bridge. Please don't destroy the neighborhood nearby

50-1

**From:** [Yahoo](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com); [CityCouncil@Fremont.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@Fremont.gov); [TKeng@Fremont.gov](mailto:TKeng@Fremont.gov)  
**Subject:** Opposition to "Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect" project  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 3:01:39 PM

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Saumyo Mukherjee, and I reside in the California Vintage Community here in District 1, which services the Ardenwood and North Fremont portion within the City of Fremont. I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the proposed new "Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect" project passenger train service reroute and the Ardenwood Intermodal New Train Station as a resident of Ardenwood Area in Fremont.

54-1

First and foremost, the proposed development affects our homes directly due to various ongoing vibrations our homes will encounter when each train passes, and the increased noise pollution which threatens our lives directly. Furthermore, rerouting trains between Oakland and Newark increases the number of passenger train movements from currently 2 trains to 20 trains which is 10x very detrimental to our communities and livelihood.

54-2

The development of a new train station would bring in a larger number of outside people in this area, which will lead to increased parking problems, an attraction of more homeless/unhoused population, more than the current homeless encampments already residing along the tracks, ultimately leading to an increased in crime in our District.

54-3

This new development negatively affects our social and physiological aspects of our communities. I strongly urge you to consider NOT making this proposed change and keep the current train route as it stands.

54-4

Thank you very much for your time and attention!

Sincerely,

Saumyo Mukherjee

**From:** [Randy Smith](#)  
**To:** [info@SouthBayConnect.com](mailto:info@SouthBayConnect.com)  
**Subject:** The South Bay Connect Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 3:46:58 PM

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No. No. No. A thousand times no!

A few years from now my wife and I will be returning to our house in Hayward to retire. I was looking forward to having a convenient rail station during retirement.

This plan closes the Hayward Amtrak station altogether and moves the Capital Corridor to a rail line that is convenient for almost no one in San Leandro, Hayward, or Union City. Yes, it may get people from Oakland to San Jose a few minutes faster, but what about the needs of those of us who will live in between?

57-1

I continue to be against this proposal.

--Randy Smith

Currently living in San Jose

Moving for retirement four years from now to Hayward

**From:** [Luke Nguyen](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com); [CityCouncil@fremont.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@fremont.gov); [TKeng@fremont.gov](mailto:TKeng@fremont.gov)  
**Subject:** Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:13:30 AM

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Hi. I would like to strongly express my objection to this project. I do not want a train station to run through my Ardenwood neighborhood. We have enough issues as it is, that I do not want to expose my family to more crime or increase the probability of being exposed to more criminal activities. Please find another location, hopefully somewhere away from families.

69-1

**From:** [Tyler Mace](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 8:23:29 PM

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Thank you for making the capital corridor more efficient, practical, and modern. Keep up the good work of offsetting carbon combustion from vehicles in the Bay Area. 76-1

**From:** [Nancy Adams](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** Planned rerouting/discontinuation of routes.  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 1:25:05 PM

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Why would you discontinue service to one portion of the city to reroute transportation options to city residents? And why aren't routes that are already in place be moved to the tune of billions of dollars??!! Use the exsisting routes that are already there and build along side them instead of reinventing the wheel. You are drowning Fremont, Newark and Union City in traffic congestion by not being mindful of any open spaces, bay lands, pollution and noise. We are not New York City! Most peopjj my e moved here for the country feel of Fre Mint. You have ruined that already.  
Nancy

86-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 5:07:34 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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A Pay

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**Phone:**

NO

**Organization:**

Citizen and Rider

**ZIP Code:**

94536

**Subject:**

Pointless change

**Comment:**

I believe this is a terrible change. The Centerville line was rehabilitated and expanded to two tracks specifically for the Capitols. This change would result in the loss of two stations located near the downtown/old town areas of both Fremont and Hayward, in exchange for a car-dependent park and ride with limited connections to Palo Alto via infrequent bus service most of the day and no Transbay bus service on weekends.

94-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 7:21:44 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

This project is not right

**Comment:**

Hi, I'm the resident of Fremont. The second house near the railroad which is 200 feet away. The current noise is already unbearable. I can't imagine if the traffic increases 14 times or two ways how can we handle it. Please don't use our tax money to make ourselves uncomfortable. Thank you!

95-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, June 21, 2024 9:10:17 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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94806

**Subject:**

please add me to email list

**Comment:**

I take Amtrak to work in Hayward and am concerned about the loss of the Amtrak station in Hayward. I would like to be added to newsletter updates.

99-1

**From:** [Hassan Farooq](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** This is what it felt like to be in the public townhall zoom call  
**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2024 7:14:56 AM

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[https://www.instagram.com/p/C7\\_FsnKsxwI/](https://www.instagram.com/p/C7_FsnKsxwI/)

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**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Sunday, June 23, 2024 9:21:26 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Proposed change does not provide any clear benefit in ridership change

**Comment:**

All of the proposed change benefits are theoretical in the benefit summary. Closing two stations in Fremont and Hayward and replacing with just the Ardenwood Park and Ride can lead to lower ridership despite linking up with Dumbarton Express as people use Capitol Corridor and BART for different purposes already.

Making Capitol Corridor more frequent (ideally every 10 minutes or more frequent), cost <50% more (vs currently ~3x more) than BART for local trips, with level boarding, and eventually having fare gates or tap on/tap off payment system would be much better to increase ridership than having to go through an app / website and filling out a long form.

109-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, June 24, 2024 4:30:48 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

Madeline Dutra

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

South Bay Connect

**Comment:**

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| 115-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, June 24, 2024 5:22:58 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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(650) 235-6602

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

NO NO NO southbayconnect

**Comment:**

We are living a few blocks away from the Coast Subdivision track in Fremont Ardenwood area. The current daily freight train already created a lot of noise, also even worse, it shakes home and windows really badly when train is passing. I can't imagine with additional 14 trains daily. | 116-1

It will be nightmare for people living around the current Coast Subdivision. I believe your project will get a NO NO NO from voter from hayward, fremont, union city and newark. | 116-2

**From:** [Kevin Woo](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** Opposition: South Bay Connect  
**Date:** Thursday, June 27, 2024 1:49:01 AM

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To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Kevin, and I am a resident of the San Leandro - Marina Vista Community. I am writing to vehemently oppose the South Bay Connect project, which proposes to increase the passage of 14 trains daily through the railroad adjacent to our densely populated neighborhoods. This project appears designed solely to accommodate commuter preferences, offering alternatives between driving and rail travel, while neglecting the profound impact it will have on local residents.

124-1

I earnestly invite a council member to personally witness the disruptive vibrations caused by current train operations in our community. One can only imagine the compounded disturbance of over 14 daily train crossings. This project does not serve the essential needs of the populace; rather, it exacerbates challenges for residents residing in close proximity to the railroads.

124-2

I staunchly oppose this project and implore the agency to reconsider and explore alternative solutions.

124-3

Kevin Woo

**From:** [Jessica Fountertaine](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com); [citycouncil: tkeng@fremont.gov](mailto:citycouncil@tkeng@fremont.gov)  
**Subject:** Objection to the "Proposed Project South Bay Connect" of Rerouting of Trains and Creation of New Ardenwood Train Station  
**Date:** Saturday, June 29, 2024 9:46:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [Public Comment Image 5-21.pdf](#)

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing once again in opposition of the Proposed Project South Bay Connect, as I wrote to the Fremont City Council this past May regarding the unhoused living in District 1.

Currently in District 1, there is a decent amount of unhoused people living on Ardenwood Blvd near Kaiser Drive, along the railroad tracks. This is the exact area that you are proposing building a new intermodal train station.

My question is, where will you relocate the unhoused? Where will they go? They will end up migrating over to a different portion of District 1 and I am concerned that this will increase the crime in our district.

Currently, the unhoused remain by the tracks, which isn't really visible unless you do deep dive into the area, but if this proposed project becomes reality, we are concerned that the unhoused will move to a more visible part of our district, which in then will become an eyesore and create an increase of crime throughout.

Attached is a picture of stolen shopping carts that belong to nearby retailers, all of which were taken by the various unhoused people living in District 1.

Again, I am in objection to this proposed project.

Thanks,  
Jessica

132-1

**From:** [Vinaya Gogineni](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** Feedback for south bay connect project  
**Date:** Saturday, June 29, 2024 10:32:29 PM

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Hi

I live in ardenwood on the 34300 block of eucalyptus ter. We have around 4-5 freight trains going on this route and almost every time, we get through a feeling with minor shakes. Sometimes we wonder if it's an earthquake, not knowing the differences, causing us to look into the My Shake App. And between, i dont stay very close to th train track and there's a distance of around 300-400 metres. With more trains planned, this is only going to get worse with much more anxiety everytime a high speed train passes by. Besides the traffic in this region will increase substantially, bringing in other security issues as well.

133-1

133-2

Moreover i dont understand the actual worthiness of this project to move away from central fremont, which is the current train station location.. It would make sense to have a station where the population is much more rather than moving towards the bay, just for saving 15mins of travel time.

133-3

Given the Environmental impact to the homes nearby, traffic, security issues plus the whole project cost, besides moving away from populated centres, i whole-some oppose this project.

133-4

Thanks  
\_Vinaya

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 1, 2024 12:23:49 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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University of California Cooperative Extension

**ZIP Code:**

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**Subject:**

Do not close Hayward Station

**Comment:**

Hello! I work in cooperation with Alameda County (as well as Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Francisco) and the University of California bringing research based knowledge to residents and professionals. There are two people in our office which use the Hayward Amtrak stop and bike to get to work every day—our admin assistant and the coordinator of our Master Gardener program (who I supervise). They have designed their lives around this commuting strategy. Please do not take this resource away from them or the dozens of other public servants and other workers who use it. Thank you!

138-1

**From:** [Justin Lee](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com); [CityCouncil@Fremont.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@Fremont.gov); [Teresa Keng](#)  
**Cc:** [nocoastroute@gmail.com](mailto:nocoastroute@gmail.com); [better4northfremont@gmail.com](mailto:better4northfremont@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Objection to "Proposed Project South Bay Connect": Updated Pictures of the Unhoused Living in District 1  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 3, 2024 11:13:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [Unhoused Living in North Fremont - District 1, 7-3-24.pdf](#)

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To whom it may concern:

The proposed South Bay Connect Project of creating a new Intermodal Train Station here in Ardenwood and the rerouting of trains will highly impact our neighborhoods here in District 1. Those of you who do not live in North Fremont / District 1, might not know that we do have an unhoused population in our district.

Where is this unhoused population you might be thinking? Currently, they are living in the proposed and projected area that you are planning on building this new "Ardenwood Intermodal Train Station".

So, my question is, if this projected project becomes reality, where will the unhoused population go?

I've attached more recent photos taken earlier today, 7/3/24 of the unhoused that are in the immediate area of where you plan to build this train station. As you can see, they continually come back despite efforts of moving them elsewhere or even getting them help and support.

Thanks,  
Justin

140-1

**From:** [David Alip](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** Train horns and ground tremors  
**Date:** Saturday, July 6, 2024 5:34:22 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am currently a resident of 4102 Polaris Avenue Union City. Our residence is at very close proximity to the railway gates at Alvarado Blvd and every time train passes, even if railway gates automatically activate, trains blow their horn so loud and it does not matter if it is day or midnight. They always blow their horns. Trains also cause tremors that shake our residence. We are afraid that if the train frequency increases, along with a new train station in Ardenwood. The noise and the tremors will just increase. We are not against the project do we need to suffer more? We need assurance that steps needed to be done to address the concern at the railway gates at Alvarado Blvd as well as improvement to the railways to reduce or even eliminate the tremors the trains causes.

144-1

With great concern,  
David Alip  
Resident  
4102 Polaris Avenue  
Union City CA

**From:** [Grasshopper](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** Voicemail from (510) 461-8706  
**Date:** Saturday, July 6, 2024 1:13:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [grasshopper +15104618706 7 6 2024 201318041.mp3](#)

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## New Grasshopper Voicemail

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**Extension:** 3 - South Bay Connect - Main VM  
**Grasshopper #:** (510) 244-3667  
**Timestamp:** 7/6/2024 1:13:21 PM Pacific Daylight Time

## Read Your Voicemail

"I live in Ardenwood and my house is by the train tracks and I get too much noise and the train vibrates early in the morning and I do not want that happening all the time. Please do not, do not create this new line connection. Thank you. My name is Carol Tandry."

145-1

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**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 6, 2024 3:37:52 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

Capitol Corridor SouthBay connect

**Comment:**

We live less than 100 feet from the railroad tracks. The trains are very loud and disturb most of our and neighbor's sleep. the current wall barrier is too short and too old. If you are going to go through Ardenwood area, plz build a taller and stronger wall to diminish the noise level. Also, no blowing horns between 8 pm and 8 am. People in Silicon Valley work different shifts.

146-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Sunday, July 7, 2024 3:25:36 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

CisnerosGoldLLC

**ZIP Code:**

94555-2032

**Subject:**

Ardenwood station

**Comment:**

I and my neighbors have spoken about this add to our neighborhood and we all agreed that we don't like it !!

147-1

**From:** [Glenn Parado](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** Input  
**Date:** Monday, July 8, 2024 5:04:03 PM

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Please do not move Capitol Corridor service to the Coast Subdivision. I'm a resident of Hayward and live about 1.5 miles from the Hayward Amtrak station. I don't want my community to lose its Amtrak service. We used Hayward station to start our cross-country trip to go to Seattle, Portland, Glacier National Park and Chicago on the Coast Starlight and California Zephyr, as well as our trip to Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and San Diego on the Coast Starlight and Pacific Surfliner. In addition, there are quite a few commuters who rely on Capitol Corridor and moving it to the Coast Starlight will place the service farther away from those commuters.

150-1

Sincerely,  
Leo G. Parado

**From:** [Amaran Wijay](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** Comments regarding South Bay Connect  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 9, 2024 10:14:07 AM

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Hello;

My comments regarding the South Bay Connect:

1). Most of us are now working from home and frequent train noise will have hindrance in facilitating effective meetings

154-1

2). Our home currently vibrates when cargo trains pass by and having commuter train pass by frequently will be constant vibration.

154-2

Regards,

Amaran Wijay

4316 Redlands Street,

Union City, CA 94587

510-673-1426

**From:** [Justin Lee](#)  
**To:** [Teresa Keng](#); [CityCouncil@Fremont.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@Fremont.gov); [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
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**Subject:** Objection to "Proposed Project South Bay Connect": Updated Pictures of the Unhoused Living in District 1  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 9, 2024 11:50:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [Unhoused Living in North Fremont, District 1 - 7-9-24.pdf](#)

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To whom it may concern:

The proposed South Bay Connect Project of creating a new Intermodal Train Station here in Ardenwood and the rerouting of trains will highly impact our neighborhoods here in District 1. Those of you who do not live in North Fremont / District 1, might not know that we do have an unhoused population in our district.

159-1

Where is this unhoused population you might be thinking? Currently, they are living in the proposed and projected area that you are planning on building this new "Ardenwood Intermodal Train Station".

So, my question is, if this projected project becomes reality, where will the unhoused population go?

I've attached more recent photos taken earlier today, 7/9/24 of the unhoused that are in the immediate area of where you plan to build this train station. As you can see, they continually come back despite efforts of moving them elsewhere or even getting them help and support.

159-2

Thanks,  
Justin

**Unhoused Living in North Fremont, Ardenwood, in  
District 1 on Ardenwood Blvd and Kaiser Drive.**

**Current Pictures as of 7/9/24**

**The unhoused have moved even closer to Kaiser Drive,  
making them even more visible in District 1. There are  
still some unhoused closer to the train tracks as well.**

**If we build a train station, where will the unhoused be  
relocated to?**

**Residents in these neighboring HOA's oppose this  
project.**

**Not Ardenwood, Not Residential!**

































**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 9, 2024 10:58:29 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

self

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

I am against rerouting capitol corridor train tracks

**Comment:**

Hi,

I am against the project for these reasons:

1. The cost of \$900,000,000 is too expensive, using it for bus will be more effective and efficient, or return to tax payer
2. The propose route is densely populated and the frequent trains will degrade quality of life for tens of thousands of people.
3. What is the current ridership and projected ridership, we need cost and benefit analysis.

| 161-1

| 161-2

| 161-3

**From:** [Jacob Howard](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com); [citycouncil@fremont.gov](mailto:citycouncil@fremont.gov); [tkeng@fremont.gov](mailto:tkeng@fremont.gov)  
**Subject:** Objection to the "Proposed Project South Bay Connect" of Rerouting of Trains and Creation of New Ardenwood Train Station  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 8:51:54 AM  
**Attachments:** [Unhoused Living in District 1 and Stealing Shopping Carts.pdf](#)

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing again in opposition of the "***Proposed Project South Bay Connect***". This time I am including pictures of various shopping carts being stolen by the unhoused (*I didn't want to take pictures of the unhoused, but they are there too*) currently living in District 1, in the exact area where you plan to build a new train station.

163-1

These carts are from the neighboring Safeway and 99 Ranch Market in our neighboring city of Newark and they plague our district and certainly don't make for a good look in District 1. I mean the fact that there is a Costco shopping cart in our District is abysmal! Most of the carts are full of trash and junk by the unhoused.

163-2

This new train station will attract more unhoused, pose an increased crime rate in our district and these are all things we do not want in a mainly residential area!

163-3

Stop the madness and vote no to the #SouthBayConnectProject!

Thank you,  
Jacob Howard

## **Unhoused Living in District 1 and Stealing Shopping Carts**

This will only continue to get worse if the South Bay Connect Project comes to reality...

Majority of the shopping carts come from 99 Ranch Market and Safeway in our neighboring city of Newark...

Even a shopping cart belonging to Costco is here in District 1!!!

This is all in proximity to where you plan to build a new train station as well as where the unhoused are currently living!

**Stop this madness now!!!**

**Say no to the #SouthBayConnectProject!**



















**From:** [Marie Henderson](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** SOUTH BAY CONNECT PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 12:09:21 PM

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Hi,

I am a resident of the Habitat for Humanity housing development on Edes Av, between 105th av and Bergedo Dr, in Sobrante Park neighborhood.

164-1

I have heard about the project of adding more high-speed commuter trains running on the Amtrak train tracks.

I am not against a better commute for many riders, but definitely, I am against having trains running RIGHT BEHIND my house!!!!

We already have the Amtrak trains to deal with, with the noise (those loud whistle sounds that wake you up in the middle of the night ) and shaking at any hour of the day and the night (sometimes feeling like there is an earthquake). But also the dust (those trains move tons of dust while passing by), so much dust that there is dust in every corner of my house even with all windows closed.

164-2

And so, I say NO to more noise, shaking, DUST, pollution and traffic jams at the train crossing on 105th Av !!!

164-3

Sincerely,

Kindly sent from my iPhone  
Marie

**From:** [wyldeyris@aol.com](mailto:wyldeyris@aol.com)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 8:26:21 PM

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I am AGAINST the new proposed route for the Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect.

166-1

Why spend ALL that money so a few people can travel in slightly less time between Oakland and the South Bay. Use what is already there!

You are shifting the burden of noise, ground shaking, pollution and risks of train derailment to another area of homeowners and businesses.

166-2

-Joan Denzler  
Ardenwood, Fremont

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 2:30:29 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

This should be electrified

**Comment:**

We should electrify the capital corridor ASAP

173-1

**From:** [Andy Baker](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com); [citycouncil@fremont.gov](mailto:citycouncil@fremont.gov); [tkeng@fremont.gov](mailto:tkeng@fremont.gov)  
**Subject:** Objection to the "Proposed Project South Bay Connect" of Rerouting of Trains and Creation of New Ardenwood Train Station  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 3:45:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [Shopping Carts and Trash - Distirct 1.pdf](#)

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Andy Baker and I reside in the Ardenwood Community here in District 1, which services the Ardenwood and North Fremont portion within the City of Fremont. I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the proposed new "*Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect*" project passenger train service reroute and the Ardenwood Intermodal New Train Station as a resident of Ardenwood Area in Fremont.

In our district here in North Fremont, we have a huge unhoused population currently living directly where you plan to build this new train station.

My question is: Where will you relocate these unhoused individuals living in the area of the proposed project scope by the train tracks on Ardenwood Blvd and Kaiser Drive?

This entire portion of District 1 is looking neglected with all the unhoused living nearby, the overgrown weeds all over, and the placement of various stolen shopping carts all full of trash on city streets!

Thanks,  
Andy Baker

177-1







From: [John Hinds](#)  
To: [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
Subject: Public Comments  
Date: Friday, July 12, 2024 3:45:57 PM

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Dear South Bay Connect,

Please pause to reconsider the entire basis of your project. SBC has now become a "budget without a cause", as there is practically no need left for you to fill:

- BART is already serving Berryessa, and will gradually make its way farther into San Jose and Santa Clara.
- BART has more, and more-convenient, stations than you will ever have, complete with parking lots, escalators, and transfer facilities. Many of those stations are near employment centers, shopping centers, and concentrated housing.
- BART has no at-grade road crossings to worry about or to remedy.
- BART riders who want to take a bus across the Dumbarton Bridge can already transfer at Union City and take full advantage of the carpool lane (which buses entering from Ardenwood couldn't reach in the AM rush without special flyover ramps or the truly over-the-top alternatives shown on your webpage). When you find that you need to turn a simple bus stop into some kind of kludgy spaceport, it suggests a problem elsewhere in the design, like ... wrong location.
- BART riders who want to get to OAK (or SFO) have shuttles available just off the BART platforms.
- The handful of riders who really, really want to take Amtrak to the Capital can transfer at Richmond BART for the final leg to Sacramento and whatever mischief they intend there.

The South Bay Connect project is going to burn enormous quantities of capital -- which could have gone to some productive use -- to make negligible improvements to a little-used service that is, at best, a poor duplicate of the service BART already offers. There is no rational basis left for your project. Please end this.

Thank you in advance.

John Hinds

Fremont

179-1



**From:** [BRENDA SMOTHERS](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** Hayward Capitol Corridor passenger train stop  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 7:56:41 PM

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PLEASE do not remove/eliminate the Hayward Capitol Corridor passenger train stop.

180-1

Removing the passenger service and replacing with freight service will cause toxic smoke pollution which is poisonous and will cause serious, life threatening health problems for residents in nearby homes. There is documented proof that breathing is affected.

Additionally , there is an elementary school across the street.

180-2

As the Federal government is pushing environmental change (i.e. electric cars etc) and reducing pollution, please do not cause undesirable stress by increasing pollution (toxic/noise/water etc). There is documented proof regarding the harm that is caused by freight (diesel) trains near homes.

180-3

In the times that we are living, please use good judgement.

Please care about our lives!

I appreciate and am thanking you in advance.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 7:25:01 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Akshatha Bhat

**Email:**

akshathabhat2@gmail.com

**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Pointless exercise

**Comment:**

I don't understand the objective of spending millions of taxpayers money to create a redundant route. There are much pressing issues that need to be addressed . More over Hayward stop is getting removed. Don't the residents of Hayward matter to this program.

183-1

**From:** [Ryan O"Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 7:22:00 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Joseph Charanghat

**Email:**

Themaingame75@yahoo.com

**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

South Bay Connect Project

**Comment:**

I don't support train support being removed. I use that service to visit family in Sacramento. More affordable way of transportation.

184-1

**From:** [Ryan O"Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 7:57:31 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Carlisano

**Email:**

Carlisanod@gmail.com

**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Hayward stop

**Comment:**

Do not get rid of the Hayward Capitol Corridor stop! This is a vital station for the east bay.

185-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 8:19:52 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Phone:**

(612) 309-5173

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Opposing draft EIR plan

**Comment:**

I oppose this draft EIR plan for south bay connect project plan. I oppose it

186-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 8:35:24 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Email:**

Trieukathy@yahoo.com

**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

to eliminate the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop from our neighborhood.

**Comment:**

I oppose the remove of Hayward train stop station because I need it for our children to travel between Hayward to san jose for work. 880 traffic is really heavy during working hours

187-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 8:55:33 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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(612) 426-0555

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Appeal against elimination of Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop

**Comment:**

The proximity to the train station is one among the primary reasons, my family moved to Sienna at Parkside in Hayward recently. We have been notified by our HoA that as a part of the "South Bay Connect Project," there is a proposal to eliminate the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop from our neighborhood. This will be detrimental and will make our day-to-day lives extremely difficult. Hence submitting our humble appeal against the project. Kindly consider.

Thanks,  
Sarath

188-1

**From:** [Ryan O"Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 9:06:03 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Xu

**Email:**

cxu\_123@yahoo.com

**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Keep the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop

**Comment:**

I use this stop. Don't get rid of it

189-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 11:59:06 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Parinya Wiongkitrungruang

**Email:**

nengparinya@gmail.com

**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Don't do it!

**Comment:**

Why spend so much money to make the train less useful to the people?

Keep the stops in Hayward and Union City!!

190-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 11:24:11 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

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**Email:**

kingtury@yahoo.com

**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

South Bay Connect Project - eliminate the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop

**Comment:**

I live next to the hayward train stop. Removing this stop would have adverse affects on my property value, the noise ( more freight trains), and cost to tax payers and use by passengers. This plan is already opposed by the cities of Hayward, Fremont and Union City as well as the NAACP Hayward/South Alameda County Chapter. Please don't remove this stop.

193-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 6:09:58 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Phone:**

(510) 688-1654

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Hayward Capitol Corridor Train Stop

**Comment:**

The Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop is VERY important to my family members (they're all living in Hayward), they frequently use the train service. We totally oppose this plan, please try your best to maintain the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop. Thank you for your understanding

194-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 4:50:33 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Lina Ma

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(650) 279-1377

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

oppose the eliminate the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop

**Comment:**

As a homeowner at Sienna at Parkside, I oppose the eliminate the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop

195-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 9:13:16 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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DrSherria@gmail.com

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(775) 842-2991

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Not in Support of South Bay Connect Project

**Comment:**

I am a Homeowner living in the Cannery Park Neighbiorhood at 1323 MLK Dr. I am full opposition to the "South Bay Connect Project," that will eliminate the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop from our neighborhood. Once again, plans are being made without the needs of individuals and families who use public transportation. With the increase in gas and ongoing housing crisis in the Bay Area, removal of any public transportation options is tone deaf, oppressive, and reeks of capitalism and privilege. Public transportation is "public" for a reason and decisions regarding it should begin with the "public". The train service takes people between Sacramento and San Jose, many of whom would otherwise not be able to get to work in cities they they can no longer afford to live in.

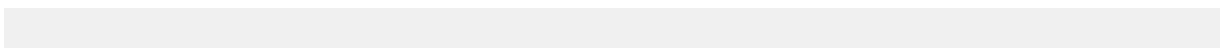
In addition this change will increase pollution in our neighborhoods and make them unsafe to live and raise families in... many cities that are already struggling with environmental pollution and injustices.

I do not approve of this change and do not support plans that marginalize and further oppress individuals and families as well as seek to put more dollars in the hands of individuals and corporations they are already wealthy. Let them figure out another way that will harm or decrease the wellbeing of families in Northern California.

196-1

196-2

196-3



**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 9:35:02 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

Sienna at Parkside home owners association

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Removing train station on MLK

**Comment:**

My family and I are against this plan as we use this stop regularly. It is literally a five minute walk from our home which is on Martin Luther King Dr. Aside from a convenient location for transportation on weekends, we believe it adds value to our home and one of the reasons that we purchased in this neighborhood. Please let me know what else we can do to prevent the removal of this station. As it would not farewell for us or our neighborhood. Thank you.

197-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 10:31:47 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop

**Comment:**

As a homeowner at Sienna at Parkside, I oppose the elimination of the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop

198-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 12:40:54 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Amal Puthur Jayapalan

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Web to Case

**Comment:**

Please note this as my vehement opposition for the plan to eliminate the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop from my neighborhood. My understanding is that this is being discussed as a part of "South Bay Connect Project." I am sending this message on 7/13/24, which is within the comment period regarding this plan which ends at 5pm this Monday, July 15. Please note that I am a resident near the Hayward Train stop and I am opposed to the idea of eliminating the train stop.

199-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 12:43:39 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Opposition to eliminating the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop

**Comment:**

Please note this as my opposition for the plan to eliminate the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop from my neighborhood. My understanding is that this is being discussed as a part of "South Bay Connect Project." Please note that I am a resident near the Hayward Train stop and I am opposed to the idea of eliminating the train stop.

200-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 12:45:10 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Amalraj Puthur Jayapalan

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Opposition to eliminating the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop

**Comment:**

I am a resident of the area near the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop and I vehemently oppose the plan to eliminate the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop.

201-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 1:37:18 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Caitlyn Wang

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Please do not take the train station away

**Comment:**

A lot of my friends and family are utilizing the train station. It's very convenient for us. Please keep the station.  
Many thanks ???

202-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 5:49:06 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Shivam Tomar

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Request against elimination of Capital Corridor Train Hayward stop

**Comment:**

Hi,

I live in a neighborhood close to the capital corridor train's Hayward stop. I take the train for my commute to San Jose 2-3 days a week. It saves me at least 1 hour of stuck in the traffic on I 880. I am also aware of many other colleagues that prefer to take the capital corridor train over driving for a commute from Hayward to San Jose.

One of the motivations for me to buy my house in Hayward was its proximity to Hayward's station.

It is my earnest request to not eliminate the capital corridor's Hayward stop as it will impact me as well as many other commutes that use the capital corridor train for their commute from Hayward to San Jose.

Thank You!

203-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 6:03:45 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

Sienna at Parkside HOA

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Oppose Removal of Capitol Corridor Hayward Stop

**Comment:**

As a State employee who sometimes has to travel to Sacramento, I chose to purchase a home that is close to several transit options, including near the Amtrak station. I am within walking distance (or a very short drive if I must carry work materials) to the station, and have greatly enjoyed using Amtrak for my work needs. Removal of the station would mean driving further (and during traffic hours on notoriously bad I-880 congestion), thereby increasing highway usage and increasing my carbon footprint. Removal of the stop would greatly inconvenience my commute when I travel to Sacramento. The stop's proximity to the Downtown Hayward area, with connections to BART, also enhance the vibrancy and connectedness of the neighborhood.

204-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 11:23:04 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Train

**Comment:**

It is extremely urgent for the Hayward trains to continue running and stay open..  
I purchased my home near the Hayward train station to be able to commute to San Joes for work every day and check up on my elderly mother that resided in SJ.

212-1

**From:** [Shivangi Patwardhan](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com); [CityCouncil@fremont.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@fremont.gov); [TKeng@fremont.gov](mailto:TKeng@fremont.gov)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed, South Bay Connect Project  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 2:01:55 PM

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Hello,

As a homeowner in the Ardenwood community, I wanted to register my strict opposition to the proposed South Bay Connect project that will significantly impact my family and my, quality of life. My do not want my tax and property tax contributions to be used for this project.

223-1

Best  
Shivangi Patwardhan  
94566, Fremont California  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sylvia Brooks](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Cc:** [Sobranite Park](#)  
**Subject:** Environmental Impact Report - South Bay Connect High Speed Commuter Trains  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 5:29:01 PM

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We **DO NOT NEED** more noise, pollution and traffic back-ups at street crossings. Our community already experiences the fallout due to the railroad tracks being blocked by abandoned vehicles and illegally dumped debris. We do not need more problems. This is a safety hazard and will have a negative impact on the livability of our community residents. Residents and parents who have been caught in a traffic jam trying to leave/come home or bring child(ren) to one of the four (4) school sites in our community have already experienced the major traffic problem impacting our community. Adding high-speed commuter trains will exacerbate the problem. Also, a high-speed commuter train should not run next to a TK-12 school. This is bad business. Does the health and safety of our community matter at all?

232-1

In Community,

Sylvia Brooks, Sobranite Park Resident  
[sylviabrooks49@gmail.com](mailto:sylviabrooks49@gmail.com)  
(510) 827-9331  
"Each day is a new opportunity for success"

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 3:23:28 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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415 377-1647

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Oppose South Bay Connect Project,

**Comment:**

I am a home owner in the Sienna Park area and I oppose the South Bay Connect Project. This will affect my home ownership. It can increase polluting the environment in this area and increase tax prices.

242-1

**From:** [Ryan O"Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 8:24:09 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Mahesh Mahadevan

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Station removal

**Comment:**

I disagree with the removal of stations in this project. This will result in a lot of congestion in the ardenwood station. It also moves the station further away from central Fremont.

243-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 11:04:33 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

The San Jose Corridor closure

**Comment:**

I oppose the closure of the corridor. It provides value and convenience to my home and my neighborhood.

245-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 11:12:38 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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(510) 205-9400

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

South Bay Connect

**Comment:**

I strongly oppose the proposed South Bay Capitol Corridor Project that includes the closure of the current Hayward passenger rail station. The Hayward passenger rail station provides essential transportation for our community, ensuring easy access to work, school, and vital services. Access to public transportation reduces traffic congestion and lowers greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to a cleaner and more sustainable environment. Additionally, once the passenger trains are gone, they may be replaced with long, heavy, loud, diesel-polluting freight trains, which could have health impacts on local residents and damage properties near the tracks. These combined factors would negatively affect property values in the area, impacting individual homeowners and Hayward's economy.

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**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 11:32:48 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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(404) 217-9577

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Oppose the closure of the Hayward station - South Bay Connect Project

**Comment:**

I am opposed to closing the Hayward Capitol Corridor train stop in my neighborhood. I value having accessible public transportation. It's vital to our community

247-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 3:42:23 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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Jennifer Adams Jennifer Adams

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**Organization:**

Gap Inc

**ZIP Code:**

94105

**Subject:**

Amtrack

**Comment:**

Train is starting to get many passengers. the stop is very convenient for all and park is plentiful

248-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 4:13:53 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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(650) 391-3969

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

CA94555

**Subject:**

SBC project

**Comment:**

My house is next to the train track within less 100 meters away. When the train is passing each time, my house is shaking like having earthquake. The big concern of SBC project from my family is house vibrating. Increasing the train frequency will directly ruin our life. How can we sleep during the night? Just picture your house is having earthquake daily multiple times.

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**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 4:52:22 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

City of Fremont

**ZIP Code:**

94555

**Subject:**

Opposing the South Bay Connect Project

**Comment:**

I'm writing to you with the hundreds of hundreds of emails of concerns from my constituents in Ardenwood, Fremont as the plans for South Bay Connect calls for building a new station in Ardenwood and the neighbors have serious concerns for the noise and traffic it will bring to the neighborhood. At the same time Hayward will lose the current station which their residents will need. Please take into consideration of the voices from our neighborhood and stop the pursuit of South Bay Connect Project which is not an appropriate use of tax payer's money.

251-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 4:39:27 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

**Name:**

Qian

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Jennyqw@gmail.com

**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Oppose the SBC Project

**Comment:**

As a resident of the Ardenwood area, I strongly oppose the SBC Project.

I attended all the SBC public meetings in 2020 and 2024, and the public comments were overwhelmingly against this project.

As residents living along the project line, our daily lives are already disturbed by noise and vibrations. Yet, the Draft EIR states that with the addition of more trains and double tracks, the levels of significance with mitigation will be less than significant. This is unacceptable to the thousands of households along the railway.

Ardenwood residents oppose the reconstruction of the train station in Ardenwood, Hayward residents do not want the current station to be closed, and the businesses and residents around Fremont Centerville train station do not want to lose Centerville station.....

However, the SBC website does not mention the negative impacts on the community at all. Furthermore, the project's implementation will exacerbate the already significant issues we face.

The economic burden of this project is another major concern. The funds allocated for this project could be better spent on improving existing infrastructure, enhancing public

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transportation options that do not disrupt communities, and investing in sustainable solutions that benefit a broader segment of the population.

253-3 cont.

I urge the SBC project manager to take into account the overwhelming opposition from the affected communities and to reassessment of this Project. A more transparent and inclusive approach is needed to ensure that the voices of residents are heard and that communities' well-being is prioritized over ambitious but flawed infrastructure plans.

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**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 6:58:10 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94541

**Subject:**

Hayward Amtrak Station

**Comment:**

I want the AmTrak station in my Hayward neighborhood to continue providing passenger service. I absolutely do not want longer freight trains rolling past our homes instead! I live two blocks from the train tracks and enjoy hearing Amtrak's passenger trains. My home will vibrate a little now and then but the trains are infrequent. I like having a nearby train station. It was one of the reasons I bought my condo. Please continue the passenger service! It is not broke so leave it alone! Many neighbors and residents appreciate it.

253-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 7:15:18 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

94579

**Subject:**

Please don't close Hayward Amtrak Station

**Comment:**

Please do not close the Hayward Amtrak station. I am a frequent user of the Hayward Amtrak station. I started using the station in 2021 after starting a new job in San Jose. 2x a week I use this station to access the Capitol Corridor train down to Diridon station in San Jose cutting my commute down significantly. I have encouraged numerous others to take the Capitol Corridor since 2021 and am always happy to hear another coworker or peer that has adopted this practice. Some of the notes in the South Bay plan state the availability of Bart as a substitute, however the only way to access downtown San Jose is via Berryessa -- and a Rapid Line bus that still takes an additional 25min, making it an even longer ride.... I urge the committee to please reassess the use and needs of the Hayward and Centerville stations as there have been significant changes in commuting after the initial review period in 2019 given the global COVID pandemic.

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**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024 5:08:24 PM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Hayward Capitol Corridor Train Stop

**Comment:**

As a Hayward resident, I am begging you to please keep the Hayward train stop running. Many people in the East Bay depend on this particular stop to make their way North or South. Plus, it would really bring down property values for those of us living in Hayward. Please, please keep it running. Think of us in the East Bay. Thank you!

257-1

**From:** [Ryan O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [Teurn, Tammy](#)  
**Subject:** New South Bay Connect Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 19, 2024 11:45:28 AM

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## New South Bay Connect Comment

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**Organization:**

Dell EMC

**ZIP Code:**

**Subject:**

Request to not remove passenger train service on Capital Corridor and Hayward station

**Comment:**

Kind request to not cancel/ remove the passenger train service on the Capitol Corridor and also to not remove the Hayward stop. | 258-1

This is my usual commute from Hayward to my workplace in Santa Clara and canceling this train means me spending about 3hours each day on the road for commute to work.

That's 100% increasing my stress levels as driving and the heavy traffic are very bad on 880 and 237 highways in the Bay Area. Hope this request is taken seriously. Thank you!

**From:** [Sean Horan](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com)  
**Subject:** I am opposed to this project.  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 23, 2024 11:06:32 PM

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Sean Horan. I am borderline indigent, do not have a car, and frequently find myself in the South Bay just trying to get by.

I have had to take the Capitol Corridor from Mountain View via Caltrain to Fremont because the transit connections in the South Bay are so bad.

This project feels like it is trying to compete with an outdated 9 - 5 BART traditional car commuter model complete with park and rides which is insane when the riders are built in in Fremont and Hayward today.

I have lived and worked in Newark and the Ardenwood station area does not adequately complement existing bus services or land uses in the slightest. Nobody would use it, there would be at most 30 people coming from Pacific Commons in the shuttles just a couple years ago. I urge you to focus on ridership potential in an undeveloped, incredibly hostile area and you will discover it will not be there.

Removing the Fremont station especially where there are many bus connections would be a massive disservice to transit dependent riders such as myself.

If anything the Hayward Station should be moved to the BART station in Hayward and the Fremont route should be tabled to allow for study of other improvements in the corridor.

Please register my comments appropriately.

Thank you.

Sean Horan c/o BACS  
590 B St  
Hayward, CA

260-1

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**From:** [Diana Rohini LaVigne](#)  
**To:** [info@southbayconnect.com](mailto:info@southbayconnect.com); [CityCouncil@fremont.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@fremont.gov); [Teresa Keng](#)  
**Cc:** [Vikram Gupta](#)  
**Subject:** South Bay Connect-- Strongly Opposed  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 23, 2024 6:44:19 PM

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Hello,

As residents of Fremont, CA, for over twenty years, we are both strongly opposed to the proposal that South Bay Connect shift to an Ardenwood location.

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This plan was dismissed years ago as a poor one, yet here we are again deciding the same thing. Why? We chose not to approve it years ago. Why are we giving the developers and supporters of this plan a second chance to change the decision? It is unethical, unprofessional, and a sneaking move to do this to residents.

Moving it to a noncentral space like Ardenwood would be detrimental to transit, the Centerville area, and the Ardenwood area. We urge you to keep the promise not to put the South Bay Connect in Ardenwood, considering the potential negative impact on these areas.

I appreciate your consideration.

With regards,

Diana Rohini LaVigne & Vikramaditya Gupta  
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(408) 667-1817

From: [James Hongyi Zeng](#)  
To: [councilmeetings: Teresa Keng](#)  
Cc: [No Coast Route: liz ames](#)  
Subject: Public Comment for City Council Meeting 6/18/2024 - Not related to specific Agenda  
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 10:19:16 PM

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Dear Council, Councilmember Keng,

311-1

I would like to bring your attention to the ongoing draft EIR public comment period for South Bay Connect (SBC) project (<https://southbayconnect.com/resources.html>) which is ending on July 15, 2024. I am an Ardenwood resident in District 1 and I served on the Community Working Group (CWG) for SBC, along with other Fremont community members.

Recall that the City of Fremont has adopted a resolution opposing the South Bay Connect Project on November 10, 2020 ([https://fremontcityca.igam2.com/Citizens/Detail\\_LegiFile.aspx?ID=4203](https://fremontcityca.igam2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?ID=4203)) for the reasons below

*The City Council voted to oppose the project at this time and expressed interest in having the project address the following issues in addition to topics typically covered as part of an environmental impact report, such as noise, vibration, air quality, hazardous materials, water quality, vehicle trips, transit service, public services, and land use:*

- \* location of and service levels of freight trains in Fremont and how changes might affect the Fremont community*
- \* determination of how the project interrelates to other existing and planned passenger rail services in southern Alameda County, including ACE, BART and Dumbarton corridor transit services along with how the services interconnect at transit hubs in Centerville, Ardenwood, Union City and Newark*
- \* address the project cost/benefit and priority in light of COVID influenced changes to commute demand, transit use, and telework.*

Unfortunately, none of these issues were considered either in EIR or in project scoping. Specifically, during the Oct 2020 communication between Fremont city staff and CCJPA, CCJPA promised the City of Fremont that the EIR would include location of and service levels of freight trains in Fremont and how changes might affect the Fremont community. This is specifically skipped during the EIR.

One strong concern about the draft EIR itself is that for the first time the SBC project is centered around dual track "upgrade" (Section 2.3). This certainly comes as a big surprise to my community as this was never mentioned or communicated during the scoping discussion back in 2020 and in the past 4 years. **The SBC Project Management should be more transparent about this change during the draft EIR public comment period, through website, flyer, and mailers.** After some digging, it seems that the reason for such a big change from the project scoping in 2020/2021 is to meet the EIR funding deadline. Here I quote the "CAPITOL CORRIDOR FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26 DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN – MAY 2024" Page 14:

*After delays waiting on UPRR for capacity modeling results, the CCJPA determined the most pragmatic approach is to **presume a maximum footprint for track infrastructure needed to meet funding deadlines associated with the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).***

Hence, the SBC project management is actually waiting for UPRR for capacity modeling results which will reflect the original plan (shifting freight to Niles, shifting CC to Coast). Only because such a model is delayed does the SBC project management proceed with the "maximum footprint" EIR. The whole "Alternative E" discussion in the EIR is just a technical way to circumvent this difficulty. This seems inconsistent with the good faith requirement of CEQA as the EIR content is completely different from the actual project plan. This is also ignoring the central concern from the City of Fremont.

Moreover, the City of Fremont has participated in Southern Alameda County Integrated Rail Analysis (SoCo Rail) Study in 2023 (<https://mtc.ca.gov/planning/transportation/regional-transportation-studies/southern-alameda-county-integrated-rail-analysis-soco-rail-study>), which specifically assigns Union City BART as the East Bay Hub, instead of building a new Ardenwood railway station (a key component of SBC).

We hope the City Council would look into this matter and

- \* Invite SBC staff to present in City Council on the draft EIR and explain the above concerns
- \* Adopt another opposition resolution if such concerns can not be properly addressed
- \* Investigate the way to block the design, EIR and construction of the new Ardenwood railway station to be consistent with the Southern Alameda County Integrated Rail Analysis study recommendation.

Thanks,  
James