



## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** 8/4/2020

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Special Meeting Location:** [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join)– ID# 976 0713 3733

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#### A. Call to Order

#### B. Roll Call

#### C. Regular Business

C1. Approve the City Council Rail Subcommittee special meeting minutes of September 30, 2019 meeting ([Attachment](#))

C2. Receive a presentation from the California High Speed Rail Authority on the California High Speed Rail Project from San Jose to San Francisco segment environmental impact report/statement

#### D. Adjournment

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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT**

**Date:** 9/30/2019  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.  
**City Hall/Administration Building**  
**“Downtown” Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025**

**A. Call To Order**

City Councilmember Combs called the meeting the order at 5:10 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**Present:** Combs, Mueller  
**Absent:** None  
**Staff:** Senior Transportation Engineer Angela Obeso, Interim Public Works Director Nikki Nagaya, City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson

**C. Regular Business**

- C1. Approve the City Council Rail Subcommittee special meeting minutes of July 16, 2019 meeting (Attachment)

**ACTION:** By acclamation, the Subcommittee approved the minutes.

- C2. Receive a presentation from Caltrain on the Business Plan and provide feedback (Staff Report #19-005-CC-RS)

San Mateo County Transit District Director of Government & Community Affairs Casey Fromson provided a presentation (Attachment).

The Subcommittee received clarification on the maximum density required to meet the peak demands and moderate and/or high growth scenarios requiring grade separations.

- Marcy Abramowitz spoke in support of gate down times without high speed rail trains.
- Adrian Brandt commented that the trains listed in the materials are per direction, not total; that high speed rail will not stop in Menlo Park which lessens the gate down time impacts.
- Jim Lewis commented on multi-day parking options at Caltrain parking lots.
- Katie Behroozi commented on tradeoffs between Menlo Park and Atherton stops.

**D. Informational Items**

- D1. Update on next steps for the Ravenswood Avenue Railroad Crossing project

Staff Obeso provided a verbal update stating that staff is currently coordinating with the consultant team on the draft scope refinements requested at previous meetings and that efforts are current

taking place to apply for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) grade separation priority list.

The Subcommittee received clarification on the scope including a task to evaluate aesthetics and costs. The Subcommittee discussed Supervisor Slocum is hosting a meeting tomorrow night regarding the Dumbarton rail corridor and the City Council Facebook Subcommittee discussion at the October 1, 2019 City Council meeting.

- Mickie Winkler commented on City involvement in reactivating the Dumbarton rail corridor.
- Adrian Brandt provided details on Supervisor Slocum’s meeting.
- Henry Riggs encouraged the City to take an aggressive stance on reactivating the short link between Redwood City and the Facebook campus.
- Drew commented on the CPUC application including all three proposed grade separations.

#### **E. Adjournment**

City Councilmember Combs adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Angelo Obeso, Senior Transportation Engineer