



City of Palo Alto

City Council Rail Committee Staff Report

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Summary Title: Receive Oral Report on Rail Program Community Workshop #1 and Discuss Next Steps

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From: City Manager

Lead Department: Planning and Community Environment

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council receive an oral report by Staff on the results of Community Workshop #1 which was held on May 20 at Mitchell Park Community Center and provide input regarding the workshop and next steps.

Background and Discussion

On May 20, Staff and the Rail Committee hosted the Rail Program Community Workshop #1 at the Mitchell Park Community Center between 10:00am and 1:00pm. While a full written summary is not available for the May 24 Rail Committee meeting, Staff and the Rail Committee members will share their experiences and provide input regarding next steps.

Timeline

The schedule for the Rail Program and the context sensitive alternatives analysis process is subject to modification based on the results of Community Workshop #1.

Resource Impact

Funding for the context sensitive alternatives analysis process is included in the Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Capital Budget in CIP PL-17001, Railroad Grade Separation.

Policy Implications

The context sensitive alternatives analysis process is consistent with the following Comprehensive Plan goals, policies and projects:

- Policy T-7: Support plans for a quiet, fast rail system that encircles the Bay, and for intracounty and transbay transit systems that link Palo Alto to the rest of Santa Clara County and adjoining counties.

- Program T-17: Support Caltrain electrification and its extension to downtown San Francisco.
- Program T-21: Study projects to depress bikeways and pedestrian walkways under Alma Street and the Caltrain tracks and implement if feasible.

Environmental Review

The context sensitive alternatives analysis process is part of the required environmental analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).