



CONNECTING PALO ALTO: HELP DESIGN THE FUTURE OF PALO ALTO'S RAIL CORRIDOR

Community Workshop #2

Survey 1: Problem Statement, Objectives, Evaluation Criteria

Q1 – Please read the Problem Statement below and rate your response.

While enhanced rail transit service is important to the City of Palo Alto, the Caltrain corridor creates a physical and visual barrier to east/west connectivity within the City, and is also the source of safety concerns for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, especially at existing at-grade crossings. The rail corridor also creates issues in surrounding neighborhoods, such as noise, vibration, traffic, and visual impacts. While the City of Palo Alto benefits from Caltrain service, and supports Caltrain modernization (including electrification), some of the issues experienced along the rail corridor will continue to get worse in the future with increases in Caltrain service, increases in regional traffic, and the probable addition of high speed rail.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Indifferent
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Q2 – Please identify the top 5 most important objectives

- Build off prior work
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Minimize right of way takes
- Improve circulation for all modes
- Separate bikes/peds from autos
- Implement in a timely manner
- Reduce noise and visual effects
- Support Caltrain improvements
- Improve safety along the corridor

Q3 - Identify the top 5 most important evaluation criteria

- Facilitate all modes of transportation
- Minimize right of way acquisitions
- Maintain local access (i.e. schools, parks)
- Minimize visual change
- Reduce noise and vibration
- Funding feasibility
- Support Caltrain service improvements
- Safe and separate bike/ped routes
- Reduce delays for autos
- Minimize disruption/duration



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Survey 2: Preferences and Priorities

Q5 – Are you concerned with the future of the corridor?

- Yes, very concerned
- Yes, but not that concerned
- No, not really
- No, changes will be beneficial

Q6 – Which is the biggest challenge of train traffic increase?

- Traffic overflow into my neighborhood
- Safe crossings for bikes/pedestrians
- Train horn noise will be unbearable
- Traffic overflow into main streets
- More train traffic isn't an issue

Q7 - Are you open to the idea of closing ANY crossings?

- Yes, one crossing could be closed
- Yes, two or more
- Yes, but only for automobiles
- No, I am not open to this idea
- Maybe, I need more info

Q8 - If an at-grade crossing closes, should bike/ped access be maintained?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Indifferent
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Not Sure, I Need More Info

Q9 - Are you open to the idea of closing ANY crossings?

- Yes, traffic will flow to neighborhoods
- Yes, separate some, but not all
- Maybe, I need more info
- No, separate all crossings



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Survey 3: Priorities, Preferences & Workshop Feedback

Q10 – Identify the crossing you'd like at Alma Street

- Closed for all modes
- Closed for autos only
- Raise road over tracks
- Lower road under tracks
- Hybrid
- Trench/tunnel

Q11 – Identify the crossing you'd like at Churchill Ave

- Closed for all modes
- Closed for autos only
- Raise road over tracks
- Lower road under tracks
- Hybrid
- Trench/tunnel

Q14 – Did you find today's workshop useful?

- Yes, very useful
- Yes, somewhat useful
- Indifferent
- No, not quite
- No, I would prefer a different format

Q12 – Identify the crossing you'd like at Meadow Drive

- Closed for all modes
- Closed for autos only
- Raise road over tracks
- Lower road under tracks
- Hybrid
- Trench/tunnel

Q13 – Identify the crossing you'd like at Charleston Road

- Closed for all modes
- Closed for autos only
- Raise road over tracks
- Lower road under tracks
- Hybrid
- Trench/tunnel

Q15 – Can we count on your participation in the next workshop?

- Yes, count me in for future events
- No
- Maybe, on a different day/time
- No, but please keep me posted
- Yes, but schedule a different day/time