

Alberto Quintanilla

From: James Hongyi Zeng <eastzonexp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:16 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: NoCoastRoute@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment for City Council Meeting 09/01/2020 - South Bay Connect

Hi City Council Members,

I am a homeowner in Fremont and I am writing to express my concerns regarding the [South Bay Connect](#) project proposed by CCJPA. I would like to bring your attention to the current online petition regarding this project (**there are 1300+ signatures and counting**)

<https://www.change.org/p/say-no-to-rerouting-capitol-corridor-to-coast>

I am concerned that the project will add more horn noise to the quiet Hayward/Union City/Fremont/Newark residential areas, causing more traffic in the commute hour (especially in the already congested Ardenwood P&R and SR-84 intersection). There are many more reasons on why we are concerned in the petition.

Even for the Capitol Corridor as a whole, it's not clear how much additional ridership will the project bring - the plan seems only suggesting very marginal improvement with an "up to 13 minutes" time saving. Plus, as you may know, the Dumbarton Rail project is on hold indefinitely now. I don't think it's a smart way to spend **\$264 million**, especially during COVID-19 where many people were struggling (likely for years to come).

A much more efficient way to spend these money is to add feeder buses to the current Union City/Fremont BART stations in commute hours, which will encourage more people to use BART and take more cars off the road (=less greenhouse gas).

I hereby request that the City of Fremont should issue a letter of objection, along with Cities of Hayward, Union City, and San Leandro. I believe Fremont will represent our interest best in this project.

Thanks,
James

Alberto Quintanilla

From: D. Yang <daveyang@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:15 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Please NO Ardenwood train station

Hi,

The newly proposed train route and station are a great threat to the livelihood of the Ardenwood area. It would definitely cause huge traffic and numerous environmental issues such as harmful noise, earthquakes, increasing carbon emissions, children safety..

Thanks,
Dave

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Lan Dai <fruitpiggie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:55 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Strongly oppose adding train station in Ardenwood

Hello to whom it may concern,

I am an ardenwood resident, I strongly oppose the addition of the South Bay Connect train station in Ardenwood. It will have a huge harmful impact on environment, the residents especially little kids (Little Flower Montessori and Challenger school are nearby).

Lan

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Rong Wang <wangrong2885@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 10:00 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public Comments for City Council Meeting--South Bay Connect

Hi City Council Members,

I am a Fremont resident in Ardenwood area for 3 years. Recently I learned about a new Capitol Corridor extension project which is planning to add a new train station in Ardenwood area, and it's only a block from my community. I have a few big concerns about this proposal that I want to bring to your awareness.

1. 1.COST. The proposed project will cost \$264M and new train station will cost \$26M, which is way more than the annual revenue generated by this route. We are in the middle of the most serious pandemic and many small businesses and the working class are suffering. Tax money should be spent wisely to areas that can really benefit people in need. Why can't we spend those hundred millions dollars in small business loans and unemployment benefits? Who would ride the train if they don't even have paychecks for their housing and meals?
2. 2. Local traffic congestion. The proposed train station is on my daily route from my house to my kid's school. I know better than anyone how busy it is during rush hour. And there is no other way around. It just doesn't make any human sense to add a train station on an already busy main road to worsen the local traffic.
3. 3. Noise and vibration. Ardenwood area is mainly a residential area. Thousands of families are here for many years. We have enjoyed and are used to the peaceful environment already established. Now the proposed route with 16 daily round trips(CCJPA 2014 Vision Plan--Page 10), which are 32 trains passing by and honning, people are going to suffer. This is unfair to take away people's enjoyable environment without their consent.

Thank you for your time reading my email. I would hope to hear back from you about your stand and the reasoning behind it.

Stay healthy.

Best regards!

Julie

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Li Yinyin <saraly123@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 10:26 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Against to the proposed South Bay Connect Project

To whom it may concern,

As a homeowner in the Ardenwood area, I am strongly against the proposed South Bay Connect Project. The new coast route railway is just next to many houses in Ardenwood and Newark. Increased frequency of passenger trains will dramatically impact the quiet and nice environment, leading to noise and safety issues in these residential areas.

In addition, the traffic at the place where you want to build a new Ardenwood train station has already been very heavy during the rush hours. By adding passenger trains, the local traffic around the new station will be overwhelming. There are several schools and learning centers nearby. The new station could be a safety hazard to children.

Besides, the new Ardenwood train station is in the residential area and far away from the other public transportations. Removing the old station will make current passengers inconvenient to take the train, and also significantly impact the business of those nearby restaurants and stores, and eventually affect Fremont's economy.

Taken all these together, the proposed plan is totally unreasonable. I am hence strongly against this plan.

Best,

Yinyin Li

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Lanlan Wu <wl923@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 12:28 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Lanlan Wu
Subject: Public Comment for City Council Meeting 09/01/20 -South Bay Connect

Hi Mayors, council members and city managers,

I'm a resident in Fremont and I'm here writing to say **NO** to South Bay Connect Project.

First of all, we all know that trains will bring noise and pollution for the residents. There are thousands of families are living along the UPRR tracks.

Then, South Bay Connect project is outdated. Dumbarton Rail Corridor project stopped, so the project's connection now is not what they planned. The COVID 19 virus is still spreading now. No data showed what the virus will change people's transportation style.

Even if virus doesn't change people's travel way, according to South Bay Connect Project report, it will bring 520 passengers in 5 years. For 520 passengers, CCJPA planned to spend \$264 millions with thousands of families along the track suffering the noise and pollution. It's ridiculous.

Sincerely
Lan

Sent from my iPhone

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Kan Zha <kanzha@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 12:42 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Strongly oppose building a train station in Ardenwood

To whom it may concern,

As a Ardenwood resident (6036 Mollinari Ter, Fremont, CA, 94555), and a mother of 2-year-old boy currently enrolled in the Little Flower Montessori, I strongly oppose the addition of the South Bay Connect train station in Ardenwood. The biggest concern are the noise and safety. Therefore, this train station would bring more trouble than convenience to our community. We hope our opinions will get heard and the plan to add a train station will be changed.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Kan Zha

Alberto Quintanilla

From: b. beekman <cranberrysauce23@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; Vinnie Bacon; cof; CClerk; planinfo; HLarson@fremont.gov
Subject: Blair Beekman.Tuesday. Sept. 1, 2020. ____ FUSD, SRO's, and the General Fund.

Dear city govt. of Fremont,

I write today, to again offer a letter, of good ideals & principles.

In these unique budgetary times of Covid-19, can Fremont elected officials, within the city council public meeting process - learn to occasionally re-explain, how the city of Fremont General Fund, and budget process can work.

I've heard much talk, that the Fremont Police department, may be specifically waiting for, state & federal dollars, to help their budget needs, this next fiscal year.

This actually can be, a part of the good examples, in how to better practice the term - reallocation.

How can we learn, to better keep, city govt. depts., and budget dollars, 'in their own lanes' ?

For instance, can well-intentioned, Fremont Unified School District, FUSD, SRO budget surplus dollars - be set aside, specifically, for Human Services programs, while it sits & waits, in the General Fund, this upcoming year ?

And not be spent, on the Fremont Police department. Or Fremont Social Services programs.

This question, should be an overall reminder, the city of Fremont, should work to honor, the good intentions of the FUSD.

As the FUSD, and many in Fremont, are questioning, what can be, more positive, sustainable community ideas, for the Fremont schools, and SRO program.

I will speak these words tonight, at Fremont city council, public communication.

Can an elected official, or staff, please write back today, with a few thoughts, from the question marks, of this letter, in the meantime, or perhaps soon ?

Sincerely,

Blair Beekman

On Mon, Aug 31, 2020, 8:30 AM b. beekman <cranberrysauce23@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear city govt. of Fremont,

A reminder, this letter tries to offer, good ideals and principles.

There should always be time, to have a simple working relationship, & decent communication, between local government and everyday community.

I have written this same letter, to yourselves, this past Friday.

Can someone, please write back, to simply explain, how the city of Fremont General Fund, can work.

Is it similar to, a large pot of money, held in savings, that any city govt.dept. can dip into, when authorized & needed ?

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And not be spent, on the Fremont Police department. Or Fremont Social Services programs.

The city of Fremont, should work to honor, the good intentions of the FUSD.

As the FUSD is questioning, what can be, more positive, sustainable community ideas, for the Fremont schools, and SRO program.

Can an elected official, or staff, please write back soon, with a few thoughts, from the question marks, of this letter.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

On Mon, Aug 10, 2020, 3:34 PM b. beekman <cranberrysauce23@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear city government of Fremont,

There is, an important FUSD meeting, this Wednesday August 12th.

They will be more deciding the future, of its SRO program, for the next school year.

It seems almost certain, with stay-at-home orders and no school, through the fall, FUSD, will try to cancel payment, of SRO contracts, at least, though the fall.

Decisions, will also be made, to cancel the SRO contract entirely, for 2020-21, school year.

Or, in January of 2021, when classroom life, can possibly return - a limited amount of SROs, is also being considered, by FUSD.

I personally feel, two SROs, and one Sargeant, may be all that is needed.

From Clinton-era concepts, of tough-on-crime & the ending of gangs - we are hopefully beginning to understand, what can be, a new era.

And that health, human services, counseling, and genuine ideas of peace, not war - can be ways, to stand down, the cycles of tensions & fear.

And better work towards, how to address & heal, a community.

It is with this in mind, I am also understanding, if the FUSD, completely ends, its SRO program, the city govt of Fremont, stands to have a surplus, of possibly \$1.6 million.

If the FUSD, does return, with a limited amount of SROs, this January 2021 - the city of Fremont, will have a surplus, of at least \$200k+, from remaining money, not spent, on the SRO budget, this fall.

I hope you will be looking for, important ways, to know how to place, any unspent, FUSD, SRO budget money, that I understand, will be placed, in a General Fund, for safekeeping.

Can this General Fund, surplus money, be watched over, and eventually be placed, into human services programs, before FPD programs.

And even before, Fremont social services programs.

As this can speak to, the better intentions, of what the FUSD, and everyday community, are trying to work towards, at this time.

And how, human services work, and ideas.of equity, may be better problem solvers, at this time.

I have written to yourselves, a few times now.

I hope my letters, on subjects, of technology surveillance, data-collection, & community accountability, are starting to become familiar to yourselves.

And the good democratic practices, and positive community sustainability, it is capable of.

All in all, my goal with this letter today,, is to hope, we can simply exchange, a few letters, from time to time, over the next few months,

In order to ask, what will be, local govt. thinking, with any extra, FUSD SRO money, in the next few months.

And what may be, a few updates, in it's intentions, within the general fund.

I am hoping, we can also have, a safe space, in letter-writing, to disagree, when appropriate.

Overall, I feel polite letter writing, could develop, a sense of openness and trust, between ourselves.

And work on the ideas, of good accountability and sustainability.

Can someone, please write back, to at least acknowledge, the attempts of this letter.

Thanks for your time.

sincerely,
blair beekman

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Sainath Nagarajan <sainathn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:18 PM
To: citycouncil; board.meeting@bart.gov
Subject: South Bay Connect - Waste personified

Hello - I am writing to oppose the new South Bay Connect rail plan. The Future of Work has fundamentally changed due to Covid. CEOs of leading advisory firms such as PwC, BCG, Accenture etc have called for governments and businesses to rethink how value is created, not simply rush back to the old ways of working. Companies such as Pinterest are getting out of corporate leases.

The core assumptions re work, economic activity, mobility have changed. Can't afford to make a multi million \$ mistake due to sunk cost fallacy.

I was on one of the public comment calls on Aug 5, the consistent lack of data, confidence and overall vision was stunning. Ton of incomplete homework / preparation considering the public interests at stake. Here's a sample of what we heard on record:

"We are not sure". "We need to dig into that further" "it's quite possible there will be biological impacts" "we don't yet until we know what those impacts will be" "at this point we don't have this information" "we think the people in San Leandro will use this"

We DO NOT need a huge headline grabbing wasteful expenditure during a critical election year. The Program Manager from Capital Corridor project seemed most defensive and dismissive of any question or concern, making me wonder if she was even acting in good faith.

Trust that you will preserve the integrity of public trust and reject this wasteful expenditure particularly given how the fundamental assumptions around economics, ways of working and transportation have changed in the last few months.

Regards,
Sainath Nagarajan

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse brevity and typos.

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Henry <whongbowang@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:25 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: South Bay Connect project

Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to let you know I object to the south bay connect project. I live in Arderwood and my house is very close to the coast rail track. Everyday when a train passes by, I can hear loud noise and also feel vibration on the 2nd floor. If the south bay connect project proceeds as planned, I will see more passenger trains (~ 14) pass by. This means more noise and vibration for my family and our neighbors. Many of us chose to live in Arderwood because it offers a quiet and safe neighborhood. Introduction of the south bay connect project will seriously degrade living quality here and is very likely to drive many of us away from Fremont. I sincerely hope that the city council consider this and stop the south bay connect project.

Best Regards,
Henry Wang

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Raj Patel <rajpatel196556@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:42 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public Comment for council Meeting 9/1- South Bay Connect

Dear Fremont City Council Members,

I am a Fremont resident. I am writing this email to strongly oppose the south bay connect project to relocate Capital Corridor passenger rail service between the Oakland Coliseum and Newark from the UPRR Niles Subdivision to the UPRR Coast subdivision.

South Bay Connect project will have serious negative consequences to the neighborhood along the coast line. It damages environments, causing air and noise pollution. It does not consider long term climate change such as sea level rise. It lacks coordination with other public transportation initiatives such as Bart extension, dumbarton corridor, South county railway project etc. Most importantly it will cost 264m dollars on a service that only has 38m yearly revenue.

City of Fremont should re-evaluate the impact of this project on entire city environment and residents' lives ASAP.

Thanks,
Raj

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Sandra Dai <sandrastat27@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:56 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public comment for city

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to ask to add the south bay connect to public comment for city of Fremont.

I am a resident of Fremont who is living close to the Coast railway. I am writing this email to strongly oppose the south bay connect project to relocate Capital Corridor passenger rail service between the Oakland Coliseum and Newark from the UPRR Niles Subdivision to the UPRR Coast subdivision.

I have enjoyed the quiet environment of ardenwood and the nice neighborhood. However, I am afraid that after the change of the railway route, ardenwood will be very noisy due to frequent train pass and horn. In addition, the air quality will also be impacted. this will force people like me to leave this community.

Besides, the traffic around the new station is already very heavy. with the addition of the new station, it will become impossible to pass the 84 bridge due to the local traffic.

Besides, several sections of the new proposed railway service is single-track railway. Once an accident happens, several trains may need to wait for a long time until the accident in the single-track railway is resolved. due to this uncertainty, the new route may not save travel time at all.

Based on the above main concerns, I strongly oppose the relocation of the rail service to the coast subdivision.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Sincerely,

Sandra