

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Sandra Dai <sandrastat27@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 9:52 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Item 7.A South Bay Connect - Council Meeting 10-6

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to address my concerns for the Item 7.a south bay connect project.

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

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From: manicka babu <manickababu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 1:16 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Agenda item : 7A SouthBay connect project

Hello,

This is not a well thought out project, with COVID people transportation behavior has changed and this entire project is total waste of tax payer dollars and doesn't make any sense. If possible these funds should be diverted to fix Fremont roads or other needy community projects. Please don't approve this project to move forward.

Thanks
Manicka

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From: Nat <nat.skinner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 3:20 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Nathaniel Skinner
Subject: Public Comment for the Upcoming City Council Meeting 10/06/20

Fremont City Council and Staff,

I am submitting these comments in regards to the South Bay Connect. Additionally, the Fremont City Council should request comments provided by other impacted public agencies, such as the Alameda County Water District. This project cannot be allowed to move forward until all environmental concerns have been addressed. The City Council must do all in its power to require that any project addresses the significant environmental concerns with this project, particularly given unrealistic assessments of passenger load, especially as BART increases its presence into San Jose.

- 1) What assessments has the South Bay Connect project conducted in regards to the actual cargos that will utilize this train route if adopted?
- 2) Has South Bay Connect informed residents within at least 1,000 feet of either side of the tracks about the cargoes and their contents?
- 3) What recent studies have assessed passenger load of the portions of passenger service south of Oakland? Have they considered the recent 2050 target for 3-days-a-week of working at home proposed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission? (see, <https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/Bay-Area-planning-agency-advances-60-work-from-15592276.php>)

South Bay Connect appears to be an ill-thought project that will waste taxpayer resources while increasing health and environmental impacts to the local communities that would see expanded freight rail traffic passing night and day through our neighborhoods with no significant reduction in commensurate vehicular traffic.

In reviewing the provided materials, it appears that the plan as adopted would implement part of the 2016 vision, which would drastically increase freight loads (including potentially hazardous materials such as coal) if the Oakland Bulk and Oversized Terminal comes to fruition. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals recently found in favor of the developer, see <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/ninth-circuit-finds-oakland-s-attempt-19637/>). The potential hazards of coal shipments passing through the Bay Area are many, as outlined in the Public Advocates Office's testimony several years ago (pp. 9-16, <https://www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=3503>).

These concerns and cargoes need to be fully addressed through a rigorous CEQA process, particularly given the importance to the Alameda Creek watershed and the surrounding communities. Given the light passenger loads on the Capitol Express, it is extremely unlikely that the overall environmental benefits of reduced vehicular traffic will outweigh the greater risk and threats to the community by double tracking and increasing freight traffic in the region.

Best regards,
Nathaniel W. Skinner, PhD
Niles, Fremont, CA

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Upendra Mardikar <umardikar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 4:11 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Block capital corridor

Respected City Council

As lots of Fremont residents, I am one of them who also believe that this project doesn't make sense to us.

Can we please block this as city?

Appreciate you listening. Thanks for your kind consideration

Upendra

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Sy C <shawncuojob@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 9:22 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Item 7.A South Bay Connect Project -Council Meeting 10-6

Dear city officers,

My name is Shiyan Cao and I am a home owner and tax payer in Fremont Ardenwood area. I am writing this letter just to re-iterate some of the key concerns about the projects, while some of them are already listed the doc here:

<http://fremontcityca.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=4&ID=8770&MeetingID=1734>

Why I do not support South Bay Connect project:

1. Noise - It is intolerable when train pass by. Cant stand to have more trains.
2. Vibrations - Whenever train passed, house shakes like a small earth quake. Very disturbing to people's rest and health
3. Safety - more commuting people parking to the station would be a safety concern.
4. Privacy - People from trains can easily spot our neighborhoods or backyards while kids are playing outside.
5. More frequent train = more Pollution
6. Economic benefit cannot justify the overall project budget given the pandemic.

I discussed this with many neighbors and we all agree that we are forced to move out to other cities if there are more trains.

Again, thank you again for hearing the voice from local residents. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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Alberto Quintanilla

From: Nandini Mirani <nandinimirani@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 10:50 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Opposing South Bay Connect project

Hello City Council Members

I am a home owner in Ardenwood Fremont and would like to express my concern for South Bay Connect project.

The project increases the noise pollution and honking in the area causing a lot of traffic and traffic for Ardenwood residents.

The estimated cost of \$264 million is exorbitant especially when it can be used more wisely where so many residents and facing extreme hardships due to COVID. The ridership increase is debatable with work scenarios changing. Adding buses to Bart station is a more convenient solution.

I would like to ask the council members to oppose the project like the other cities.

Thanks
Nandini Mirani

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From: Lanlan Wu <wl923@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 1:43 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Item 7.A SouthBay Connect Project -Council Meeting 10-6

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.

Considering the thousands families who are living along the tracks, it will bring noise and pollution for the residents. For 520 passengers increase in 5 years according to South Bay Connect Project report,CCJPA planned to spend \$264 millions with thousands of families along the track suffering the noise and pollution. It's ridiculous.

I heard there will be further plan to build a station in Ardenwood. The location is so close to little flower preschool, and close to the junction of highway 880 and 84. If you're a local resident, you should know how crowded the traffic is in the rush hours. To add a station in such a crowded area, then no one can move.

2020 is a special year due to COVID 19 virus, and now virus is still spreading . Don't waste time and money to do such an useless and harmful plan.

Sincerely
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Sent from my iPhone

Alberto Quintanilla

From: chen xie <cxie1216@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 1:50 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: 7.A south bay connect project - No Coast Route

This is Chen Xie, I am a resident in Ardenwood Fremont. My house is just right next to the train track. The main concern about this project is vibration. My house is shaking like a mild earthquake everytime when the train is passing by. I think this is because the track foundation is above the sound proof wall. My husband woke up during nights when there were trains running.

Now the proposed route may increase the train service up to 30 times per day. We couldn't imagine what kind of life we are facing in the future. How could we get sleep during the nights. How our life would be quite. It's a nightmare to us.

Actually, there aren't many train passengers in silicon valley. Based on the data from capital corridor station activity, less than 20 passengers took train from Hayward/Fremont station per day from Oct 1, 2019 to may 28, 2020. However, the new Ardenwood station will make the traffic getting worse. The new route save 12 minutes, the car drivers waste much more time to enter the Highway 84 due to the narrow road.

Please stop this project at the beginning phase without much long term benefits but it will ruin our life. We are all lawful residents and great taxpayers in Silicon Valley. Please listen our voice and stop it.

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From: Li Yinyin <saraly123@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 2:18 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Item 7.A South Bay Connect Project -Council Meeting 10-6

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,
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From: Jane Z <janecheer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 4:00 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: 7.A South Bay Connect Project - Council Meeting 10-6

Dear Fremont Council members,

As a Fremont resident, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the South Bay Connect Project. Frankly I don't see much gain (up to 13 minutes time saving) with the significant amount of the proposed investment (~\$264 million) on this project. With a single line to support transportation for both directions, I doubt the reliability of the schedule, which is essential for the regulars commuting for work. Besides the poor ROI, it raises many issues to the local residents, such as more congestion to the already crowded intersections near the school area. I hope you could consider not to proceed with this project. Thank you!

Best regards,
Jane

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From: Lili Zheng <lilizhengusa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 4:39 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: 7.A South Bay Connect Project-Council Meeting 10-6

Dear fremont councils,

My family and I are living in Ardenwood, Fremont and we are residents of this area for quite a while. I would like to raise my voice and say NO to the relocation of the Capitol Corridor passenger rail service project. We'd like you to support our neighborhood and community to stop this project.

My house is directly next to the railway, and we can clearly hear each train passing by our house with honning even from far away and strongly feel the entire house is vibrating everytime a train passes through.

We cannot accept more trains to pass through this neighborhood for 24/7, we will experience loud noise and vibration every time when there is a train passing through for 24/7, our life will be extremely miserable. I have a little baby and elder people live with us, the frequency of trains passing through my house has already impacted on their quality of sleep. Please help us to stop this project.

We need your support!!!!

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Sincerely yours,

Lili