

City of San Carlos



High Speed Rail
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San Carlos is High Speed Rail “Ready”



Elevated Grade Separation

- Safety
- Traffic
- Economic Development

Safety

- 16 Incidents since 1960's
 - Ralston: 6 since the 70's
 - Holly: 7 since 1973
 - Howard: 2 since 60's
 - Harbor: 1 in the 70's
- **0 Incidents since grade separations**

Traffic



Traffic

- Getting “In and Out of town” was miserable
- being “cut off” from the east side
- (old level of CalTrain Service)

Economic Development

- Property on the east side became more valuable driven by better access (not waiting for the train)
- eg: Diodati property was redeveloped into a major retail center with Home Depot and Lucky

Not all are fans of the elevated berm

- Residential Views
- Separation of the town
- better walking access/sidewalks/utilities underground
- Aesthetics

What are the questions we hear?

- Will it mean the berm be re-engineered? Wider? Higher? Lower? Gone?
- Will it add noise
- What happens to freight?
- What about “shoofly” tracks during construction?
- Right of way envelopes?
- Impact on creeks and drainage

We don't know yet

- San Carlos is supportive of the process and actively participating.
- We are asking for a study of all available alternatives
 - Waiting for the details as the process moves forward
- Cities will have to work together

San Carlos Parks



- Land use projects are difficult
- Outreach is critical

Feelings are Facts



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