

Attachment E: Coordination with City of San Jose regarding
Guadalupe River Trail

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Good morning, Ryan!

Thank you for the email. I am new to this position, and in response to San Jose trail advocates I discussed the project with my team to ensure that Caltrain's bridge replacement and extension project does not interfere with the City's trail plan. Your email below coincides with my understanding of the project.

Happy holidays,
Liz

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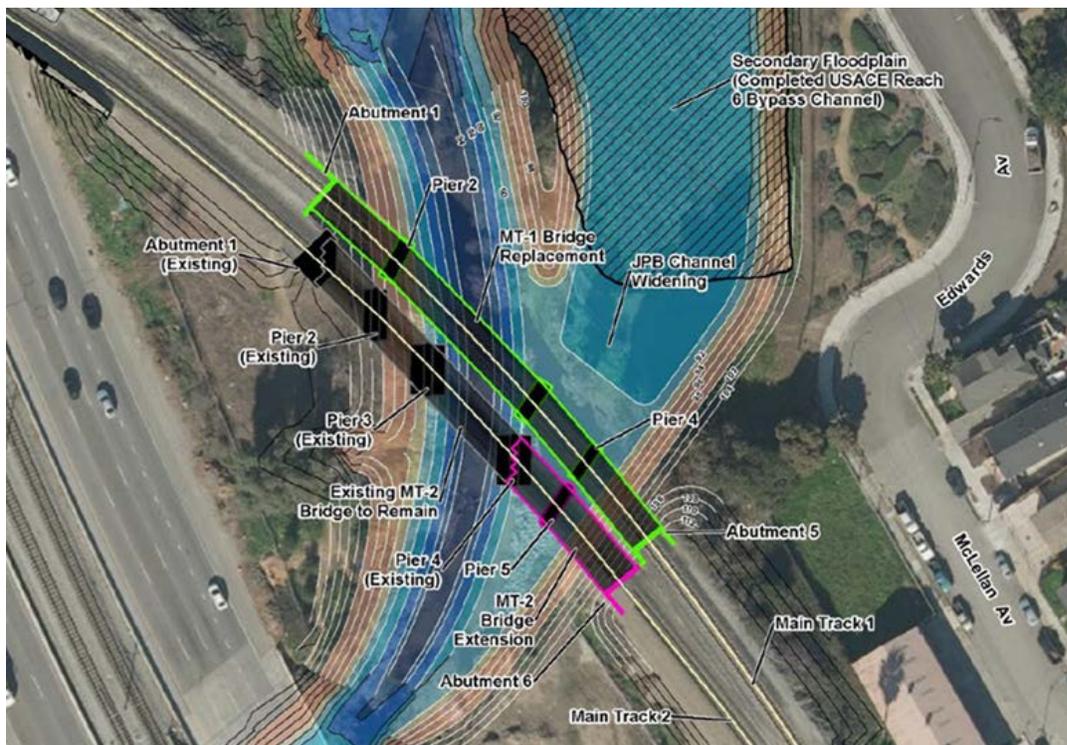
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Hi Elizabeth,

As you may be aware, Caltrain held a virtual public information meeting on the Guadalupe River Bridge Replacement Project on December 10, 2020. One element of the public comments received related to consistency of the Caltrain project with the City's plans for the Guadalupe River Trail. I am writing to request that the City confirm our understanding of the location of the future trail project in relationship to the Guadalupe River Bridge Replacement Project.

Caltrain reviewed the conceptual design information available in the City's 2017 [Guadalupe River Trail Master Plan for Virginia Street to Chynoweth Avenue](#). Based on this document, our understanding is that beginning on the south side of Virginia St, the new trail segment would be built within the Caltrans right-of-way along the east side of SR-87. Prior to approaching JPB right-of-way, the trail alignment shifts and involves a new pedestrian bridge over the Guadalupe River, downstream of the Caltrain/UPRR tracks (see Master Plan Figure 11, copied below). The potential trail then follows the alignment of McClellan Ave, and turns west along Willow Street. The trail crosses under the Caltrain tracks at the existing Willow St. undercrossing. The trail then crosses over Willow Street on a new pedestrian bridge structure, with a ramp to the bridge being located outside the JPB right-of-way on the west side of the tracks.

The trail does not conflict with JPB's plans to replace the MT-1 bridge with a longer structure and extend the southern end of the MT-2 bridge. The Guadalupe River Bridge Replacement Project does not include any changes to the Willow St. undercrossing where the trail is proposed to be located. Caltrain's project includes channel widening, however the City's proposed pedestrian bridge location is downstream of the northern limit of proposed JPB grading (the pedestrian bridge crosses the completed Valley Water Reach 6 Bypass channel). The black hatched area in the map below shows the Reach 6 bypass channel. The white topographic lines show JPB's proposed channel grading, demonstrating that western touchdown of the trail bridge is outside of the extent of any JPB-related grading.



For more information, including the Draft IS/MND, the December 10th public meeting slideshow presentation and the public meeting recording, please refer to Caltrain's project website: <http://www.caltrain.com/guadalupebridge>.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Ryan

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