



## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Bayview Community Meeting for Southeast Rail Station Study**

June 2022

#### **Introduction**

San Francisco Planning along with Caltrain, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and En2action held a community meeting on Thursday, June 9th, 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to update the Bayview community about the status of the proposed Caltrain station in Bayview and ask the community to weigh in on the suggested locations at either Evans or Oakdale for the proposed station. The meeting took place at the Ruth Williams Memorial Theater at the Bayview Opera House.

#### **Outreach**

Outreach was conducted by En2action in the Bayview/Hunters-Point two weeks prior to the meeting. Twenty-five community-based organizations (CBOs) were contacted via email, and four CBOs were contacted via phone. All CBOs were asked to share promotional material for the community meeting on with their constituents. Additionally, 41 individual Bayview stakeholders were contacted via email, and SF Planning distributed 200 door hangers to Bayview City College site, (existing) Southeast Community Facility, Joseph Lee Recreation Center, Bayview YMCA, Bayview Library, and Bayview Senior Center.

The community meeting for the Southeast Rail Station Study was also promoted on the project website ([www.sfplanning.org/SERSS](http://www.sfplanning.org/SERSS)), SF Planning's Instagram page, Bayview Nextdoor, and the En2action newsletter (which has 1600 subscribers). Reminder emails were sent to CBOs and individual stakeholders on the morning of the meeting.

#### **Attendance**

Sixteen people attended the meeting. Six attendees were pre-registered online via the Eventbrite platform, and 10 attendees were walk-ins. Out of the 16 attendees, 11 reported their zip codes; all were from 94124-Bayview Hunters Point. Fifteen people who pre-registered online did not attend. The meeting ran from 5:45pm-7:30pm.

#### **Meeting Proceedings**

At the community meeting, the SERSS project manager gave a presentation that reviewed the project history and acknowledged many years of inaction from government agencies, despite the planning studies that had been prepared in collaboration with the community. He also presented updates on the SERSS, focusing on the proposed station sites in the Bayview neighborhood. Opportunities for community members were provided to ask questions as a part of the plenary session.

Attendees were then moved into three break-out groups to further discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a Caltrain station at either Evans or Oakdale and to identify additional information that the community might need to inform their decision regarding which location they would prefer a station to be built at.

### **Community Feedback**

Several key themes emerged from discussions at the meeting, as follows:

- There was no consensus on a preferred location for the Caltrain station. The community needed more information in order to make a decision about which location would be preferable to them.
- The community felt that a Caltrain station in Bayview would increase the opportunity for economic growth and developments in that neighborhood. A Caltrain station could offer regional development and open Bayview to other communities.
- Conversely, concerns were raised about gentrification in the community as a result of a new Caltrain station and subsequent growth and changes.
- The community emphasized that a new Caltrain station should provide job opportunities, job training, and youth development for people in the neighborhood – opportunities that lie beyond what has typically been seen as “residents holding traffic-calming” flags at construction sites.
- Environmental risks and concerns were raised, specifically around soil contamination, increased air pollution, and flood risks. The community wanted to better understand hazards and other environmental issues at each proposed location.
- Safety concerns included visibility at stations as well as safe pedestrian access.
- Attendees who favored an Oakdale station seemed to be swayed by Oakdale’s proximity to residential areas.
- Attendees wanted to understand how other modes of transportation would connect to the proposed Caltrain station at either location.

**Summary of Advantages and Disadvantages of Each Station Location from Breakout Group Discussions**

EVANS LOCATION	
Advantages/Pros	Disadvantages/Cons
Future developments in the area	Lack of walkability
Access to the new Southeast Community Center at 1550 Evans	Not enough access to other modes of transportation
Proximity to the new City College campus at 1550 Evans	Security concerns
Proximity to the Bayview Plaza and the proposed Lucky's grocery store	Not being centrally located within the community's geography

OAKDALE LOCATION	
Advantages/Pros	Disadvantages/Cons
Offers regional business development opportunities and an accessible workforce	Concerns around over-industrialization
Located closer to residential areas	Security concerns: Oakdale can be dark and seemingly unoccupied at night, and
	While Oakdale is closer to residential areas in the Bayview a lot of concern was expressed about mobility and connectivity to the station (e.g., "how folks, in particular, seniors on the hill" would be able to access the station)

### Information Needed to Make a Decision

Community members identified information that would be helpful in determining where the Bayview Caltrain station should be located.

- **Ridership analysis** - Who is riding Caltrain? Where are they coming from and going to?
- **Cost breakdown** - Community asked for a high-level itemized cost breakdown for both station options. The community is looking for transparency. Funding for the proposed stations should not be a barrier to choosing the station that best fulfills community wishes and needs.
- **Pricing** - Will there be discounted tickets for community members who need it? Will Caltrain, Muni light rail, and Muni bus travel be integrated into a single commuter/discounted tickets/cards?
- **Construction** - What precautions will be implemented for the community while building? How will the surrounding areas/community be informed and kept apprised? Will any local contractors get a chance to bid on the site?
- **Visuals** - More visuals, renderings, and other types of graphics for each of the locations would help the community visualize what is being proposed and also see the differences.
- **Transportation**
  - How will there be connectivity to the station for all Bayview residents?
  - How will Muni light rail and buses connect to either station option?
  - Will a shuttle be provided for seniors “on the hill”?
  - How will Bayview residents have equitable access to the proposed Caltrain station?
  - How will sidewalk and pedestrian conditions be improved?
  - What is the proposed station’s ability to connect the Bayview community to the rest of the Peninsula?
- **Cultural Artifacts** - How will local murals and art from the community be reflected in the proposed station? Will the rail station be designed to reflect the community that resides in the Bayview vis-a-vis murals, art installation, and design elements?
- **Outreach and Access to Project Information** - What and where will the information be available for the community to understand what's happening? When will the community reconvene and give input again?
- **History** - What happened at the old Caltrain station?
- **Naming** - Why are the stations being called Oakdale when Oakdale is the furthest point of the station?

### Other Concerns

- **Jobs and other community benefits** - A Caltrain station could provide general possibilities of attracting patrons and businesses to the area. What kinds of assurances will there be that jobs, training, and youth engagement will be reserved for the people of Bayview Hunters Point?

- **Gentrification** - Is this station really for the people of Bayview, or for the continued changing demographics of Bayview? One person remarked that, “[The] promise to stimulate the [Bayview] economy never pans out.”
- **Environmental** - Concerns including soil testing
- **Accessibility** - Pricing and affordability (see section above)
- **Other transportation** - Shuttles and travel within Bayview and to Caltrain. SFMTA improvements and plans in the area. Concerns with seniors and children accessing the station.

### **Recommendations**

Based on community input at the meeting, En2action recommends that agency staff provide the community with more information (e.g., designs of the two stations, details on cost breakdowns, and potential scenarios and trade-offs) in order for them to make a decision.

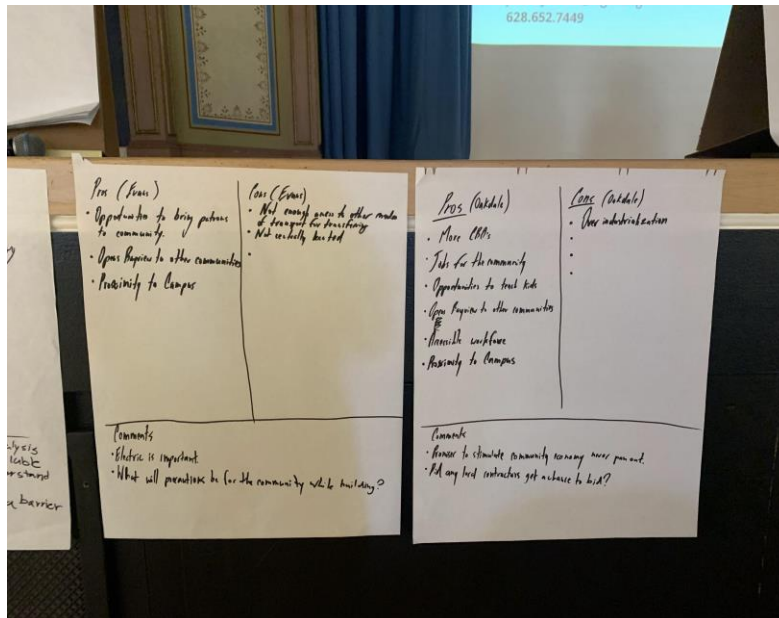
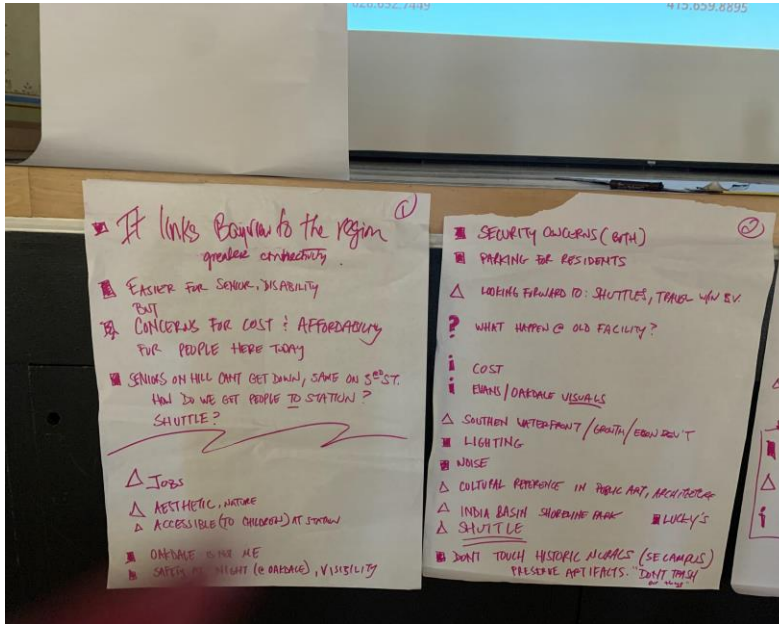
En2action also recommends having accessible visuals of station design and location. Ideas include three-dimensional models, videos of station designs, and interactive digital renderings.

The project team also needs to address how Caltrain can make the station safe, welcoming, and representative of the culture of the community.

When possible, the project should clarify how job opportunities will be created and made available to community members.

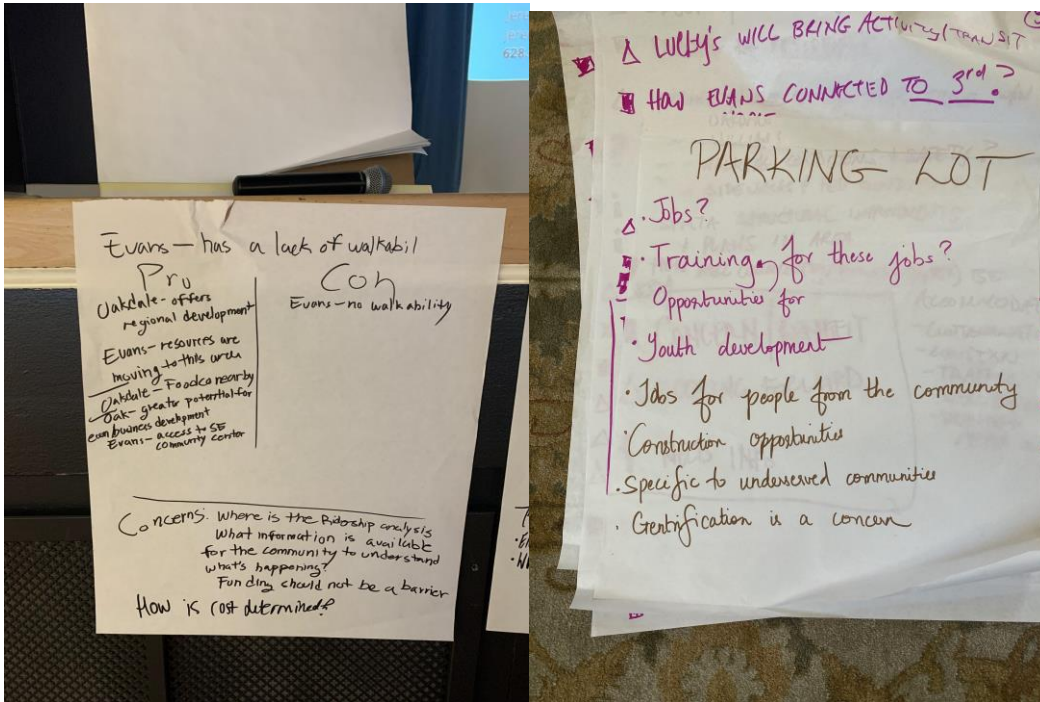
In addition, the project team should provide information on how the Bayview community will access and use the station and rail service (e.g., discounted tickets, community shuttles, and improved local transportation access).

**APPENDIX A - MEETING PHOTOS**









Evans - has a lack of walkabil

<p><b>Pro</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oakdale - offers regional development</li> <li>Evans - resources are moving to this area</li> <li>Oakdale - Foodco nearby</li> <li>Oak - greater potential for business development</li> <li>Evans - access to SE community center</li> </ul>	<p><b>Con</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evans - no walkability</li> </ul>
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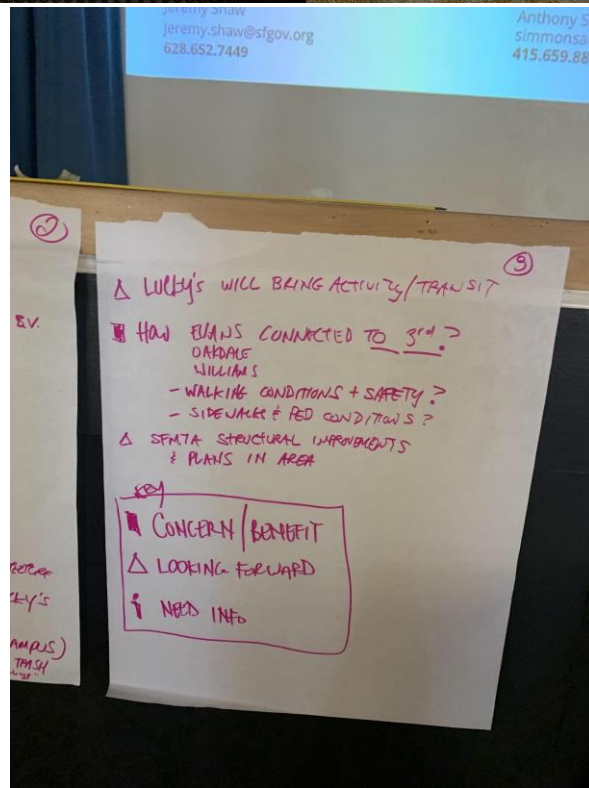
**Concerns:** Where is the ridership analysis? What information is available for the community to understand what's happening? Funding should not be a barrier. How is cost determined?

△ Luby's WILL BRING ACTIVITY (TRANSIT)

■ HOW EVANS CONNECTED TO 3rd?

**PARKING LOT**

- Jobs?
- Training for these jobs?
- Opportunities for
- Youth development
- Jobs for people from the community
- Construction opportunities
- Specific to underserved communities
- Gentrification is a concern



△ Luby's WILL BRING ACTIVITY/TRANSIT

■ HOW EVANS CONNECTED TO 3rd?

OAKDALE WALKWAYS

- WALKING CONDITIONS + SAFETY?
- SIDEWALK & PED CONDITIONS?

△ SPMTA STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS & PLANS IN AREA

**KEY**

- CONCERN/BENEFIT
- △ LOOKING FORWARD
- ⓘ NEED INFO



## APPENDIX B: COMMUNITY OUTREACH LIST

Organization Name
Hunters Point Shipyard Community Advisory Committee
San Francisco African American Faith Based Coalition
Bayview Merchants Association
Merchants of Butchertown
Economic Development on Third
SF Public Housing Tenants Association
A. Philip Randolph Institute San Francisco (APRI)
Bayview Hill Neighborhood Association
Bayview Hunters Point Foundation for Community Improvement
Bayview Hunters Point Opera House
Bayview Residents Improving Their Environment (BRITE)
Community Youth Center (CYC) – Bayview
Dr. George W. Davis Senior Center
Hunters Point Family
India Basin Neighborhood Association
Providence Foundation of San Francisco
Southeast Community Facility Commission
St Paul of the Shipwreck
Young Community Developers
Filipino Community Center
City of Dreams
SFAACD
Chamber Of Commerce
Livable City
Walk San Francisco

<b>LIST OF INDIVIDUALS/ BUSINESS</b>
African Outlet
All Good Pizza/ Tato
Auntie April
Bayview Senior Center
Boug Creole Cafe
Old Skool Cafe
Bayview Pasta
Radio Africa & Kitchen
Yvonne Sweet Creations
La Shon Walker
Tallio's Co/ Brothers
Community Youth Center
U3 Fit
Angelique Tompkins
Theo Ellington
100% College Prep
3rd Street Youth Clinic
B'MAGIC
Bayview Beacon
Bayview Footprints
Bayview Library
Bayview YMCA
BRITE
Wise Health
Causa Justa
City of Dreams
Coleman Associates
Greenaction

<b>LIST OF INDIVIDUALS/ BUSINESS</b>
Hunters Point Family
Kayaks Unlimited
Literacy for Environmental Justice
RenCenter
SF Parks Alliance
Wendy Lee
Wu Yee
Zaccho Dance
Jump Start
KIPP Bay Area
Friends of Youngblood Coleman Park
Morgan Heights Homeowners Association
Quesada Gardens Project

<b>Door Hanger Distribution List</b>
Bayview City College Site
Southeast Community Facility
Joseph Lee Recreation Center
Bayview YMCA
Bayview Library
Bayview Senior Center

## APPENDIX B: RAW NOTES

### Pros and Cons of Each Station

#### Oakdale:

- Pro
  - Offers regional development
  - Food co Nearby
  - Greater potential for new business development
  - More CBOs
  - Jobs for the community
  - Opportunities to teach kids
  - It Opens Bayview to other communities
  - Accessible workforce
  - Proximity to Campus
- Cons
  - Over industrialization
  - Safety at night, visibility
  - Security concerns

#### Evans:

- Pro
  - Resources are moving to this area
  - Access to SE Community Center
  - Opportunity to bring patrons to the community
  - It Opens Bayview to other communities
  - Proximity to Campus
- Cons
  - No walkability
  - Not enough access to other modes of transport for transferring
  - Not centrally located
  - Security concerns

## **General Input Regardless of Station**

### **Need info**

- Cost
- Evans/ Oakdale visuals

### **Looking forward**

- jobs
- Aesthetic, nature
- Accessible to children at the station
- Shuttles travel within Bayview
- Southern waterfront/ growth/ economic development
- Cultural reference in public art, architecture
- India basin shoreline park
- Shuttle
- Lucky's will bring activity/ transit
- SFMTA structural improvements and plans in the area

### **Concern/benefit**

- A station links Bayview to the region. Greater connectivity.
- Easier for seniors, disability but concerns for cost and affordability for people here today
- Seniors on the hill cant get down, same on 3rd st. How do we get people to the station? Shuttle?

### **Other concerns**

- Where is ridership analysis?
- What information is available for the community to understand what's happening
- Funding should not be a barrier.
- How is cost determined? -
- Electric is important
- What will precautions be for the community while building
- Promise to stimulate the community economy never pans out.
- Did any lord contractors get a chance to bid?
- Parking for residents
- Lighting
- Noise
- Don't touch historic murals (SE Campus) preserve artifacts
- What happened at the old facility?

### **Parking Lot**

- Testing for the soil? Has that been done?
- Jobs?
- Training for these jobs?
- Opportunities for youth development?
- Jobs for people from the community
- Construction opportunities
- Specific underserved communities
- Gentrification is a concern
- Why is the station names Oakdale when it's the furthest point of the station?
- What kind of jobs would there be for the area? Would there be training for youth to come into the transit industry?
- How to ensure that the jobs are taken by the people of Bayview Hunters Point?
- Longer list of cons for Evans. What does the geotechnically complex aspect of Oakdale mean?
- Volunteers from community farm. Lucky to be in Bayview Plaza on Evans. This resource should be considered
- Concerns about gentrification
- How to address cons like flood risk (electric system). What are the solutions?
- Testing of soil and contamination- have you looked into it?
- Caltrain is expensive and infrequent. The purpose of the station is to get people between SF and the South peninsula. Concerns that "everyone" lives near Oakland. Upset there's no 22nd station. If you live near the shipyard you have to take a shuttle to get to either station option.
- Reconstruction falsities and myths. Concerns about who these stations are for? To build up and redevelop this area? Is this station for the people of Bayview? The community is left behind and doesn't allow upward mobility for people who live here. Price accessibility. How is this going to serve the community? Jobs? Environment?
- How is (Evans/ Oakdale/ Williams) connected to 3rd
- Walking conditions and safety?
- Sidewalk and pedestrian conditions?