

South Linden Avenue & Scott Street Grade Separation Planning Study

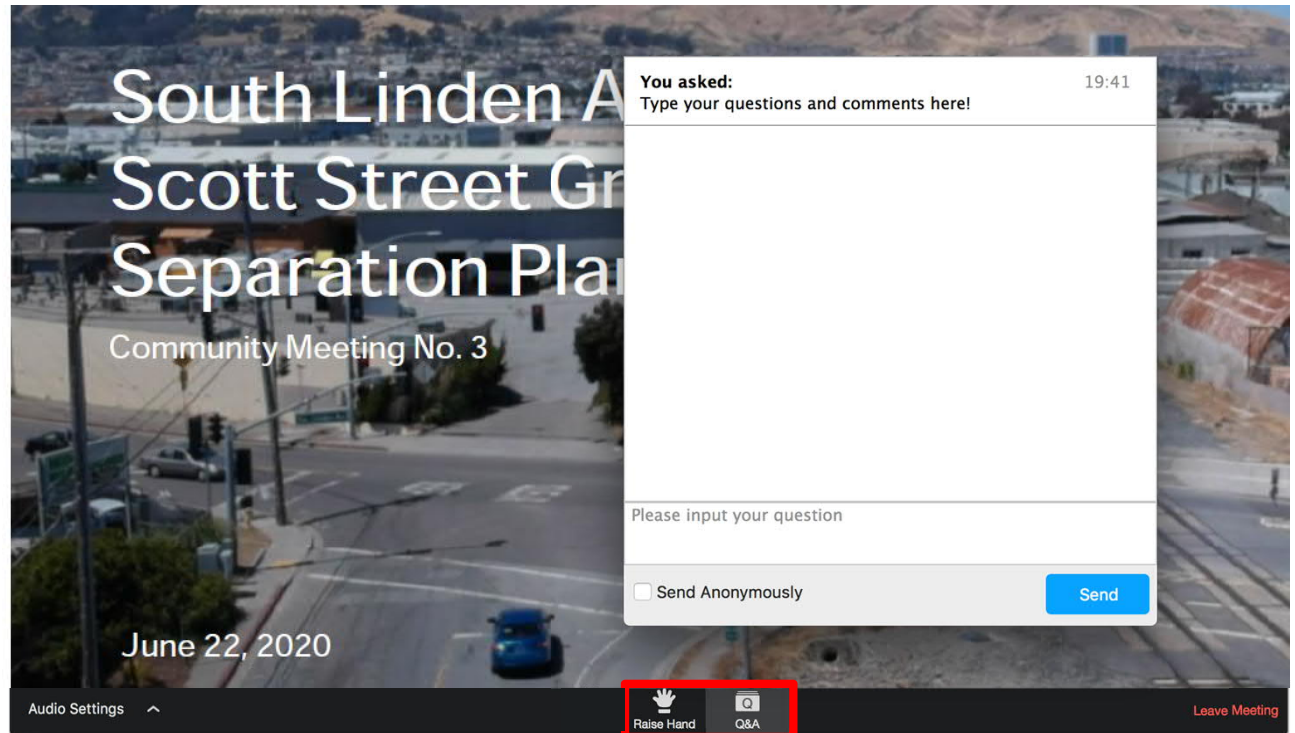
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June 22, 2020



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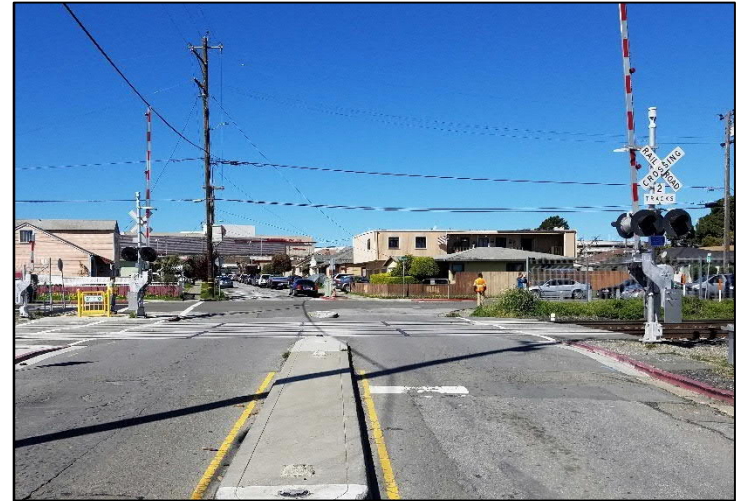
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Scott Street – City of San Bruno



South Linden Avenue – City of South San Francisco

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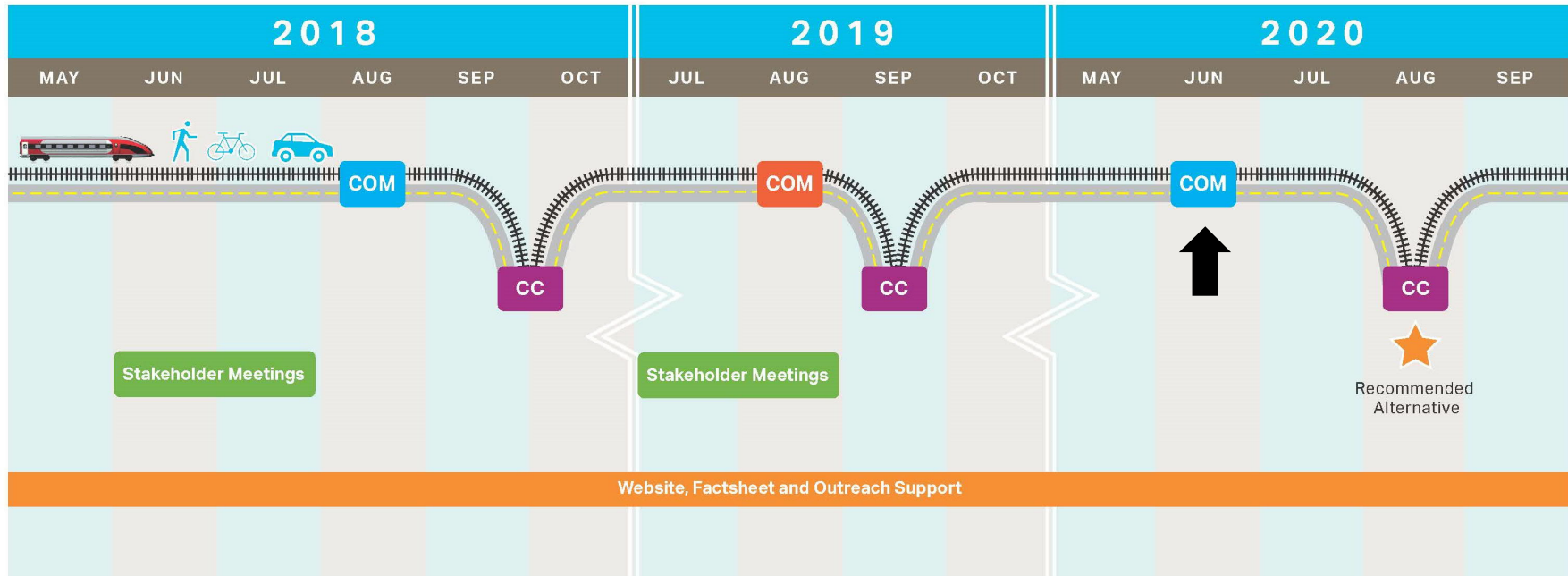
Agenda

- Project Background
- Work Done to Date
- Caltrain Presentation - Planning Context
- Project Alternatives
- Temporary Impacts during Construction
- Advantages & Disadvantages
- Questions/ Comments

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Community Engagement Schedule



- COM** Combined City Community Meeting (2, with South San Francisco **and** San Bruno)
- CC** City Council Meeting (3 each per city)
- COM** Single City Community Meeting
- ★ Recommended Alternative—Advance to Environmental Clearance
- ↑ Today's Meeting

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Work Done to Date

- August 2018 SSF & San Bruno Community Meeting #1 (four alternatives)
- June/September 2018 Council Updates
- August 2019 San Bruno Only Community Meeting #2
- November 2019 San Bruno City Council Update (ped/bike crossing only at Scott St preferred)
- January 2019 SSF City Council Update

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Why Build a Grade Separation/Why is the Project Needed?

- Improve Traffic Circulation/Mobility
 - Reduce traffic delays caused by gate down times
 - Improve traffic flow across railroad crossing
- Increase Public Safety (vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian)
 - Eliminates pedestrian, bicyclist and motor vehicle conflicts with the railroad... this eliminates the potential for accidents
 - Improve pedestrian and bicycle access

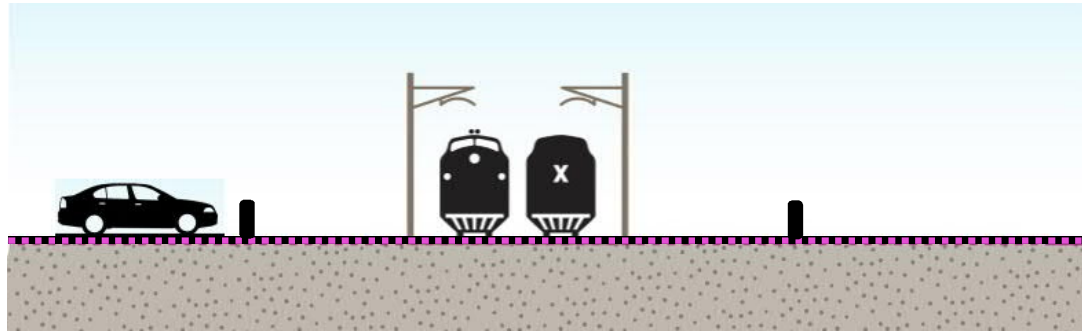
Safer Facility + Less Congestion = Higher Quality of Life

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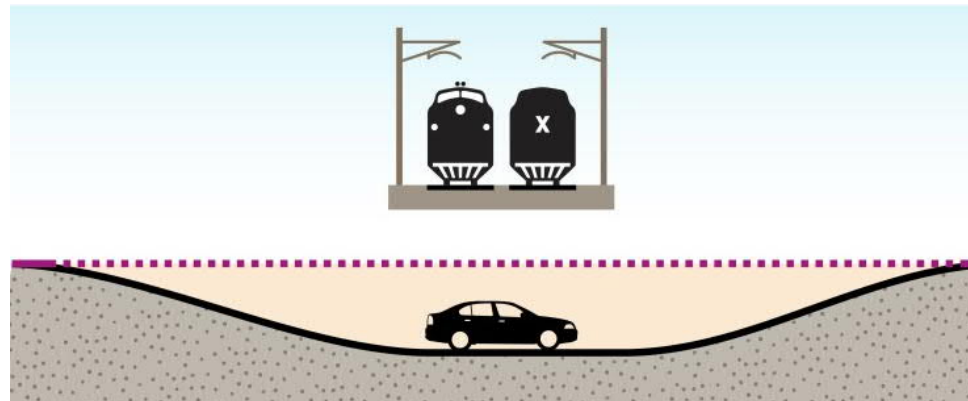
AT- GRADE

- Road and tracks intersect at the same elevation.



GRADE SEPARATION

- Road and tracks intersect at different elevations



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The Caltrain Context

■ Caltrain Business Plan

- 2040 Long Range Service Vision

- » 3 Scenarios Examined: Baseline, Moderate Growth and High Growth
- » Moderate Growth Scenario adopted by JPB Board in October 2019
- » Accommodates 12 trains per “peak” hour/per direction (TPHPD)
 - 8 Caltrain TPHPD
 - 4 High-Speed Rail TPHPD

- Determines necessary infrastructure upgrades to accommodate the Long Range Service Vision



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The Caltrain Context



- Board also gave direction to continue planning for a “potential higher growth level of service as well as potential new regional and megaregional connections.”
- Higher growth level of service could accommodate up to 16 (TPHPD)
 - » 12 Caltrain/Other Rail Services TPHPD
 - » 4 High-Speed Rail TPHPD
- A higher growth level of service may include a 4-track section through South San Francisco and San Bruno

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The Caltrain Context

SERVICE CONCEPTS IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO



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The Caltrain Context

SERVICE CONCEPTS IN SAN BRUNO

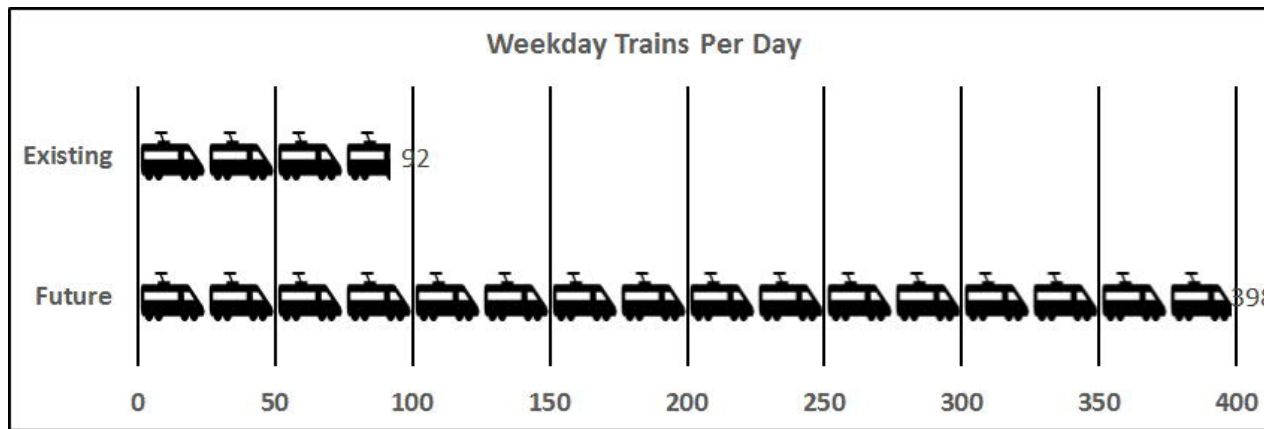


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The Caltrain Context

Long Range Service Vision (Adopted Moderate Growth Scenario): Weekday Trains Per Day



Potential Higher Growth Level of Service:
Weekday Trains Per Day

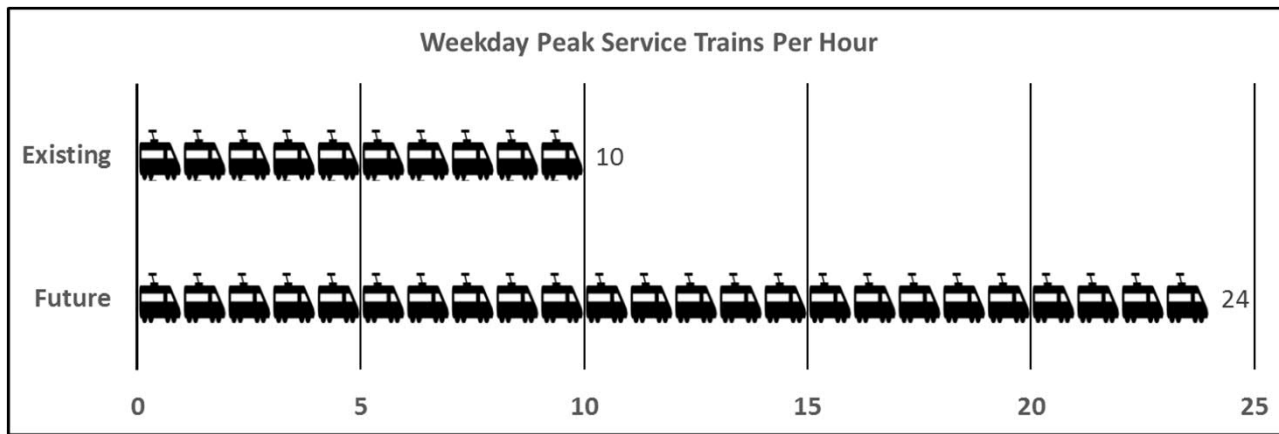
- Could go as high as 478 per day

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The Caltrain Context

Long Range Service Vision (Adopted Moderate Growth Scenario): Number of Weekday Trains at "Peak" Hours



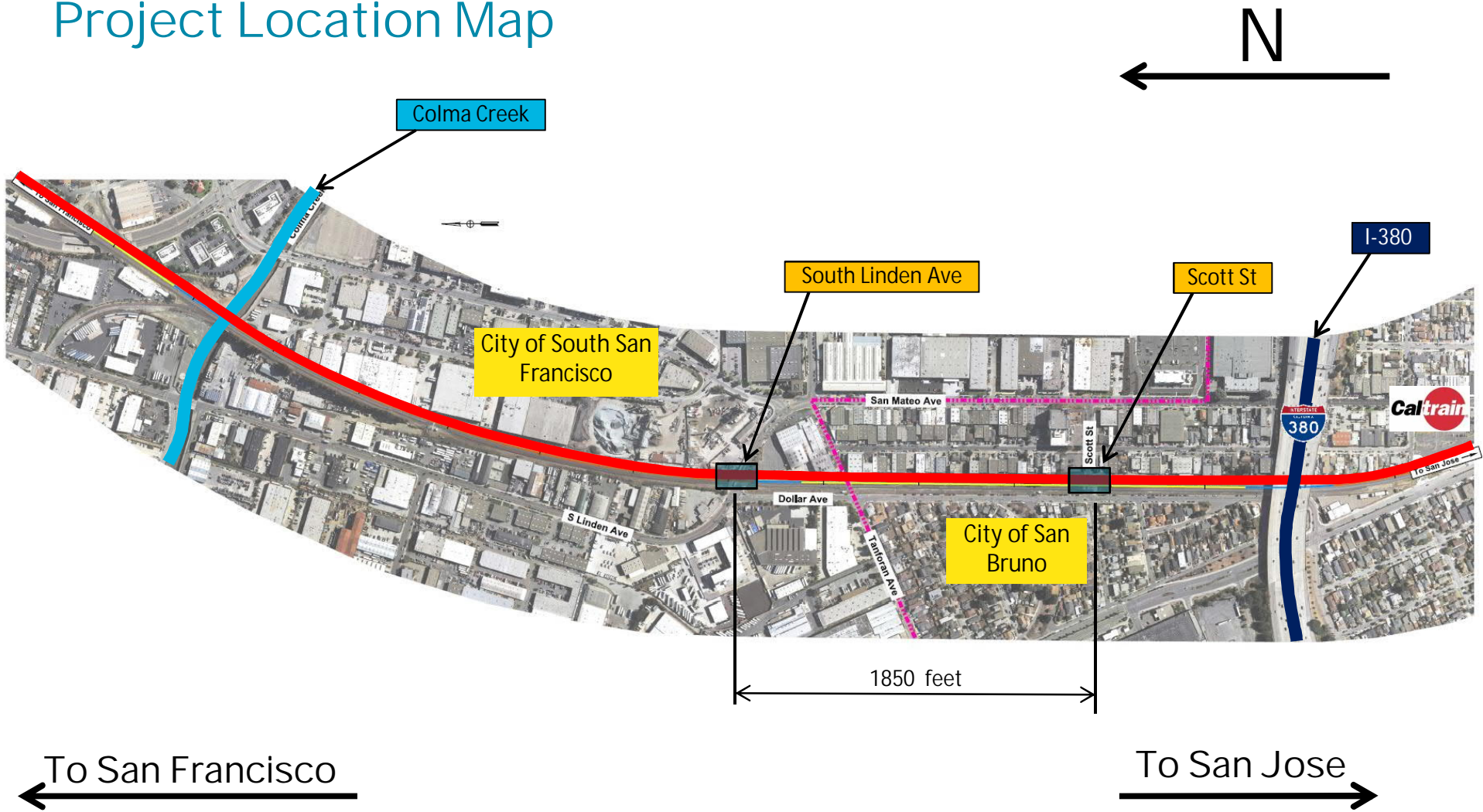
Potential Higher Growth Level of Service

- Could go as high as 32 trains/peak hour

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Project Location Map

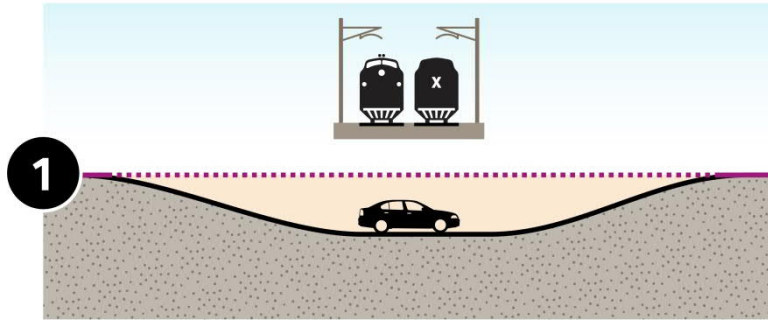


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Four Alternatives to Evaluate for Grade Separation

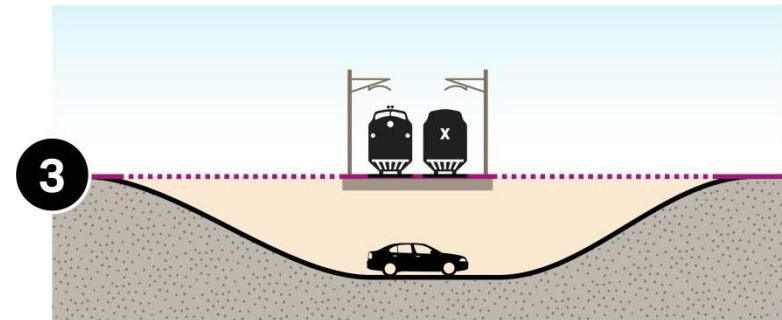
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South Linden Avenue

Rail Partially Elevated/Roadway Partially Lowered

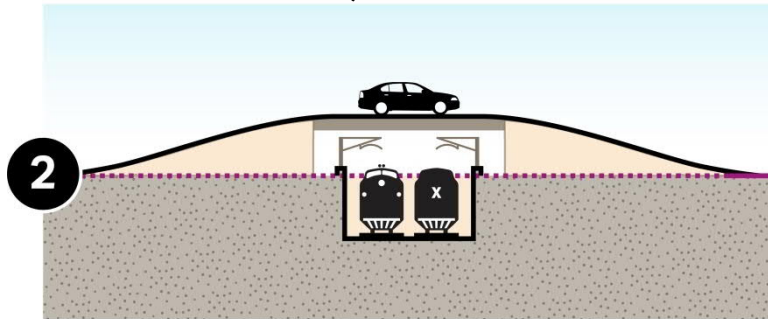
Alternative 3: Rail at grade with Linden Ave Underpass



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Rail at-grade, Roadway Lowered

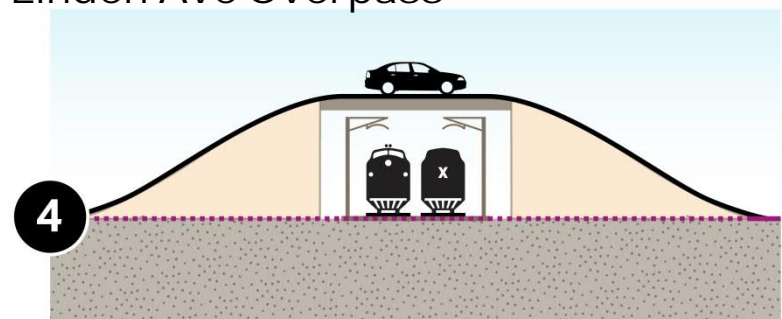
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Rail Partially Lowered/Roadway Partially Elevated

Alternative 4: Rail at grade with Linden Ave Overpass



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Rail at-grade, Roadway Elevated

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Example of Hybrid Alternative

- Holly Street, San Carlos
- Issues
 - Long embankments
 - Raised tracks
 - Improved connectivity
 - Reduced impact to adjacent properties



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Example of Underpass Alternative

- Jefferson Avenue, Redwood City
- Issues
 - Retaining walls
 - Limits access to adjacent properties
 - Side street connectivity

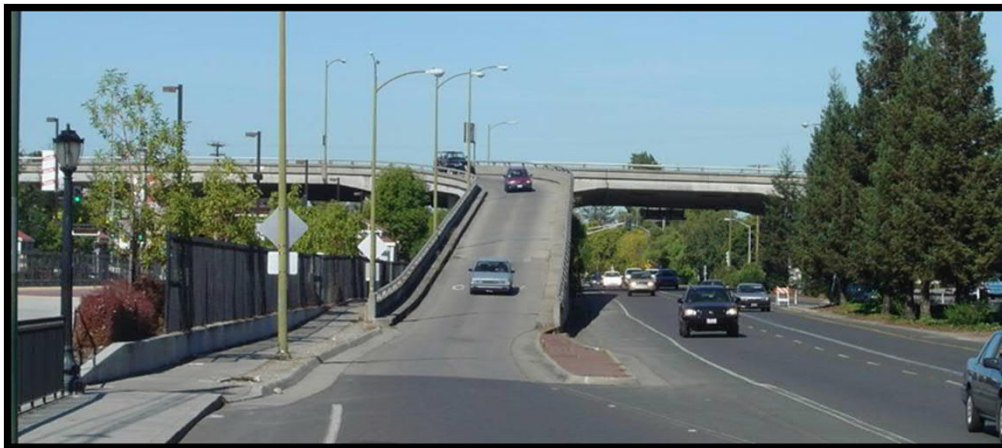


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Example of Overpass Alternative

- San Antonio Road, Mountain View
- Issues
 - Requires 30 ft bridge
 - Overpass length: 1,100 ft
 - Requires raising El Camino Real
 - Major visual impacts
 - Largest footprint



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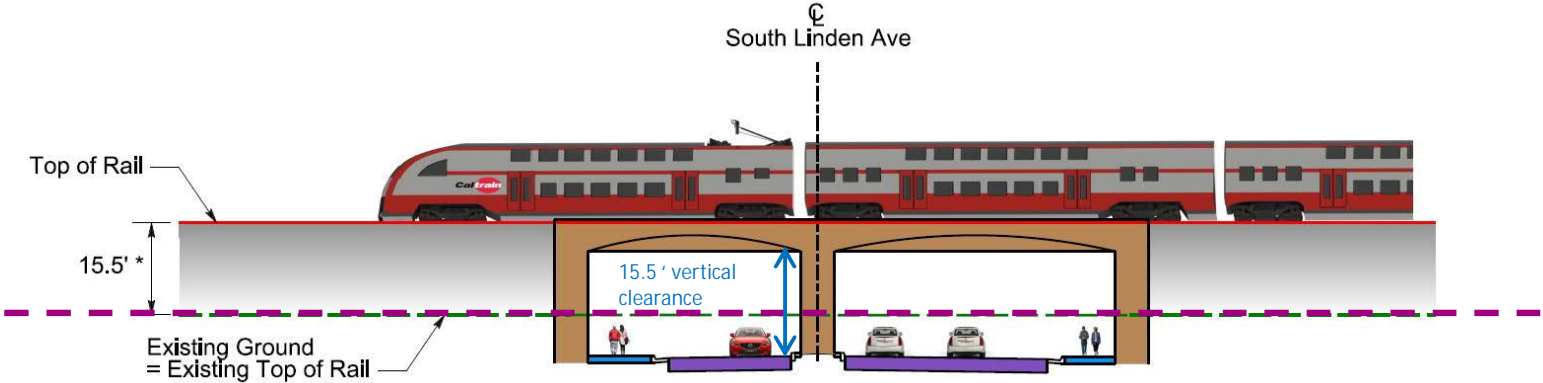
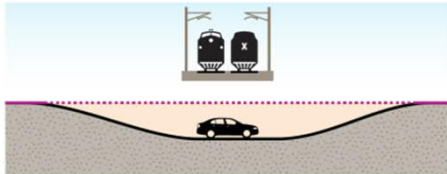
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Alternative 1: Hybrid (Track Raised, Linden Ave Lowered) South Linden Avenue Typical Section



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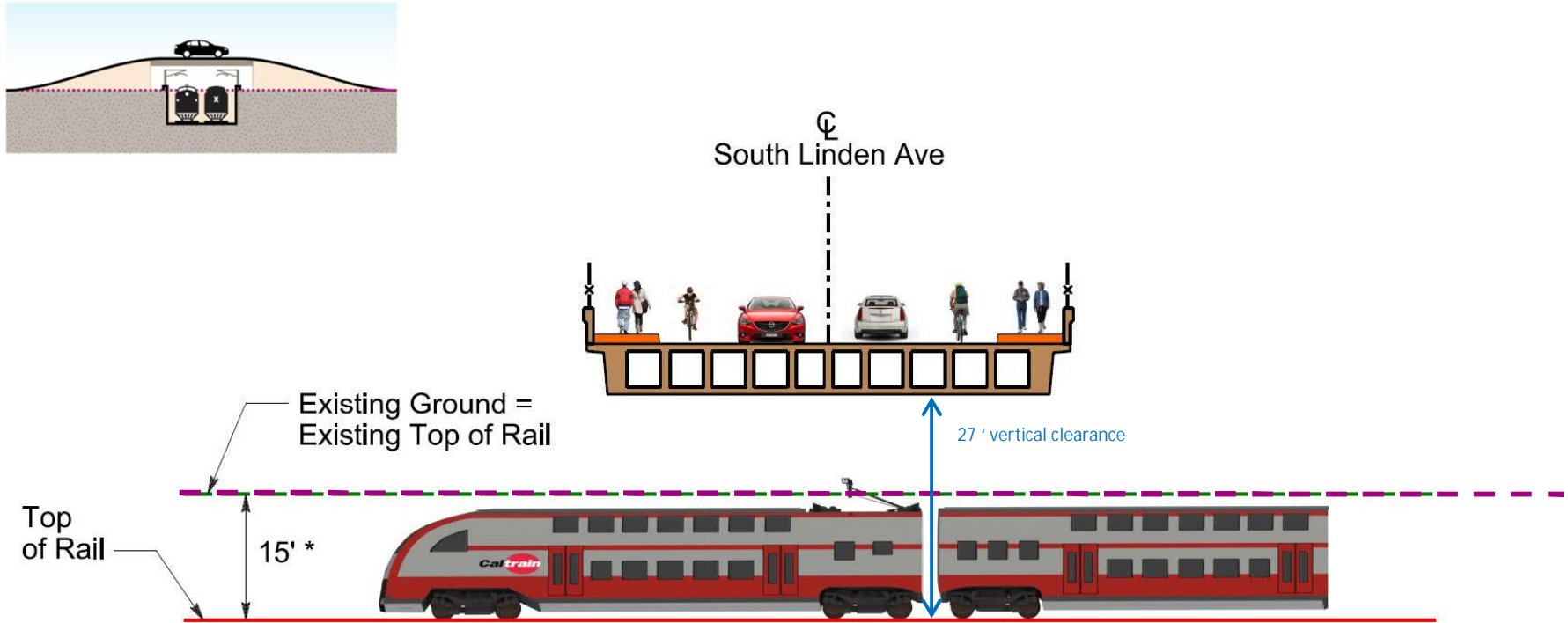
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* Elevation difference between the proposed and existing top of rail at the centerline of South Linden Avenue

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Alternative 3: Rail at grade with Linden Ave Underpass South Linden Avenue Layout

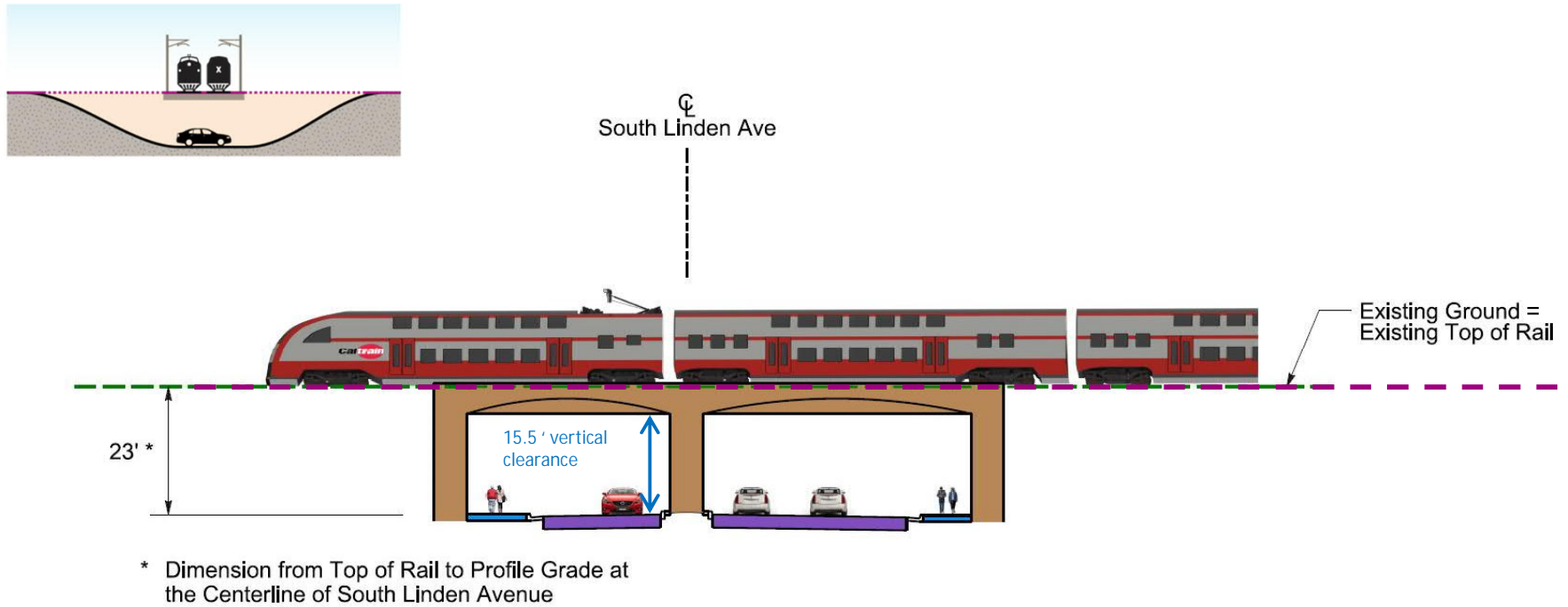


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Alternative 3: Rail at grade with Linden Ave Underpass

South Linden Avenue Typical Section



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Alternative 4: Rail at grade with Linden Ave Overpass

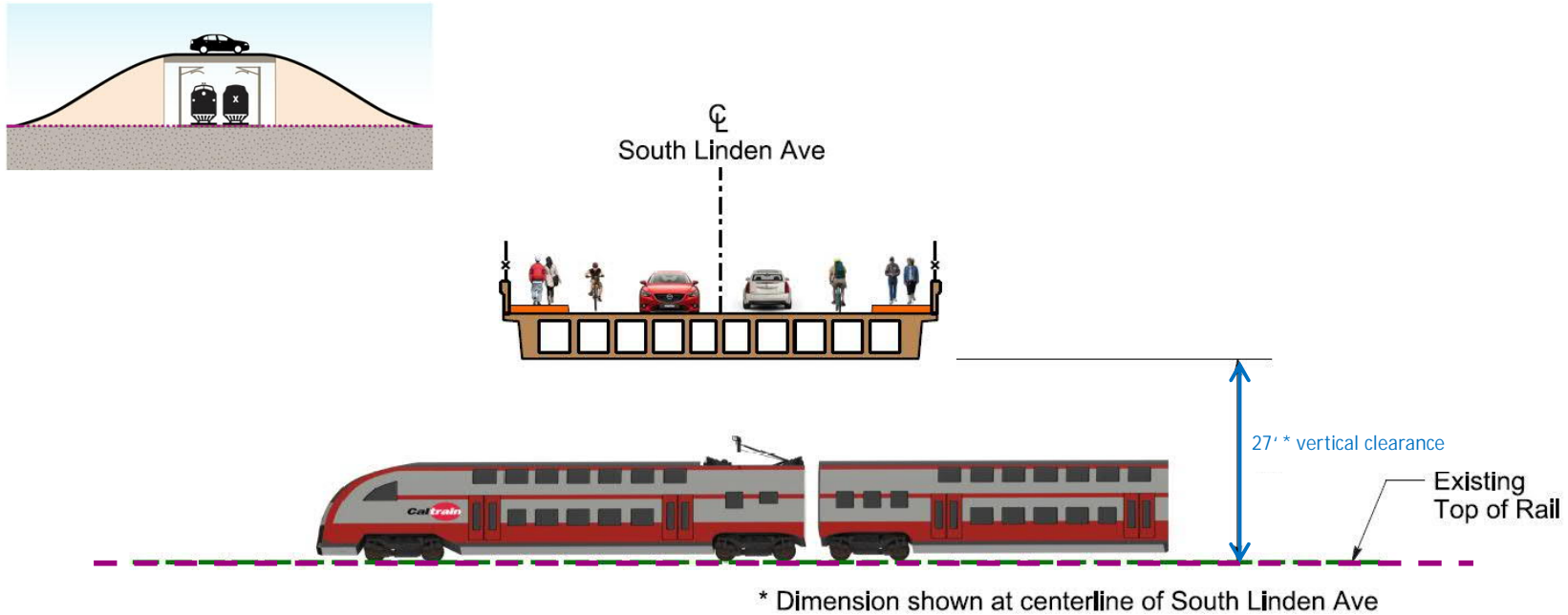
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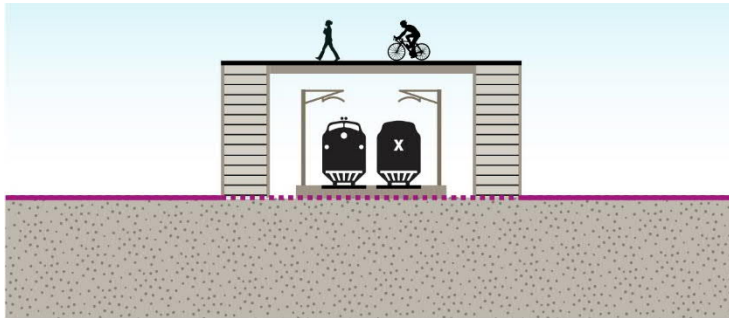


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Options to Evaluate for Ped/Bike Overcrossing

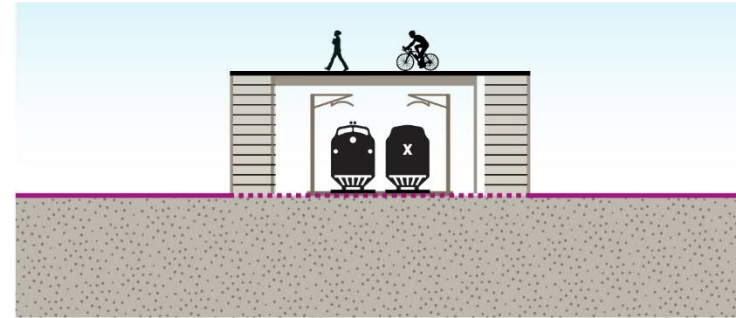
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Scott Street

Rail Partially Elevated with a Ped/Bike Overcrossing

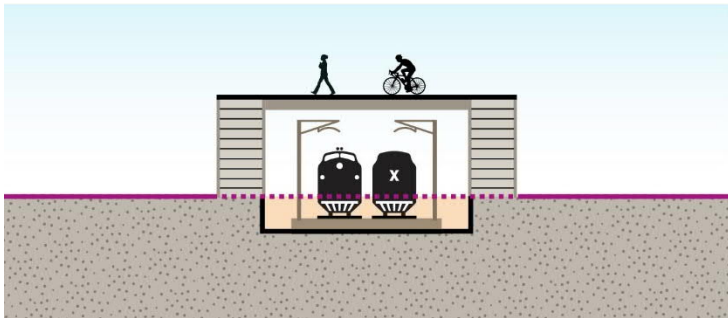
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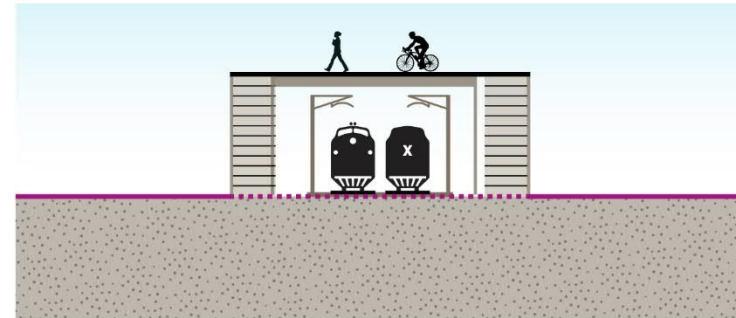
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Rail Partially Lowered with a Ped/Bike Overcrossing

Alternative 4: Rail at grade with Linden Ave Overpass



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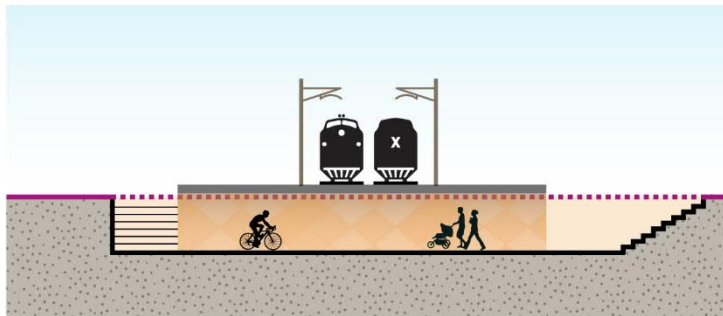
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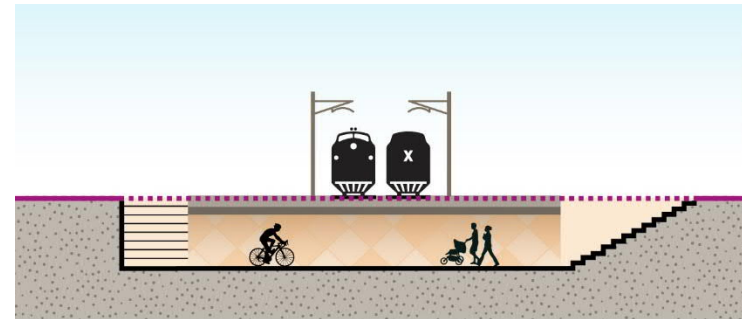
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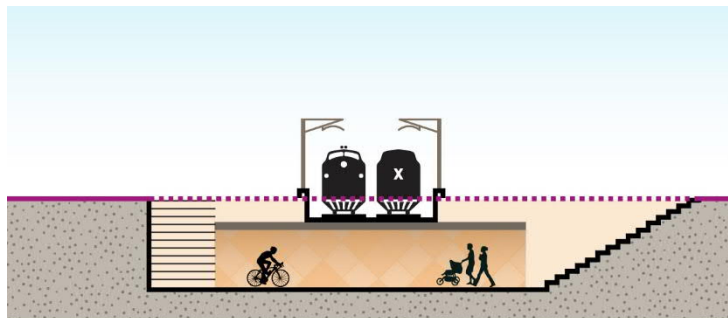
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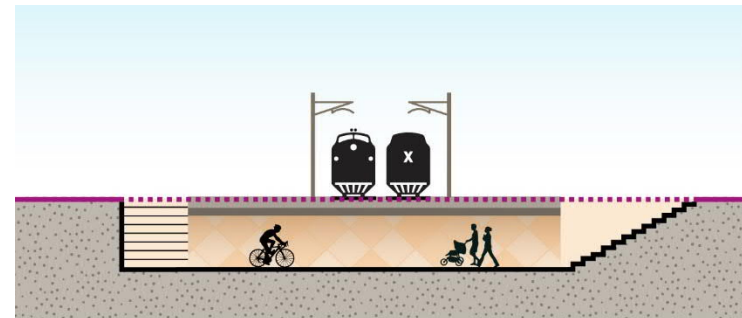
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Alternative 4: Rail at grade with Linden Ave Overpass



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Rail at-grade with a Ped/Bike Undercrossing

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Elevation Changes at Scott St Ped Crossing

Alternative	Rail Elevation Change (x) (ft)	Descent (D) from Herman St (ft) (Undercrossing)	Ascent (A) from Herman St (ft) (Overcrossing)
1	+2.5	14.0	33.5
2	-6.0	22.5	25.0
3	+0.0	16.5	31.0
4	+0.0	16.5	31.0

Descent (D) = $16.5 - x$ ← As x increases (rail is elevated), D decreases

Ascent (A) = $31.0 + x$ ← As x decreases (rail is lowered), A decreases

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Example of Pedestrian Undercrossing



Homer Avenue, Palo Alto

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Example of Pedestrian Overcrossing



Blossom Hill Avenue, San Jose

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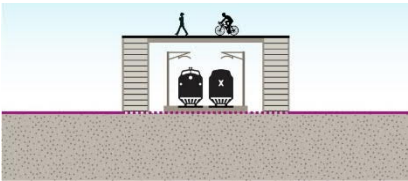
Design Considerations/Differentiators

- Accessibility (Elevation Change)
- Right-of-Way
- Utilities
- Design Requirements (vertical clearance, etc)
- Constructability
- General Visual Impact/Overall Aesthetics

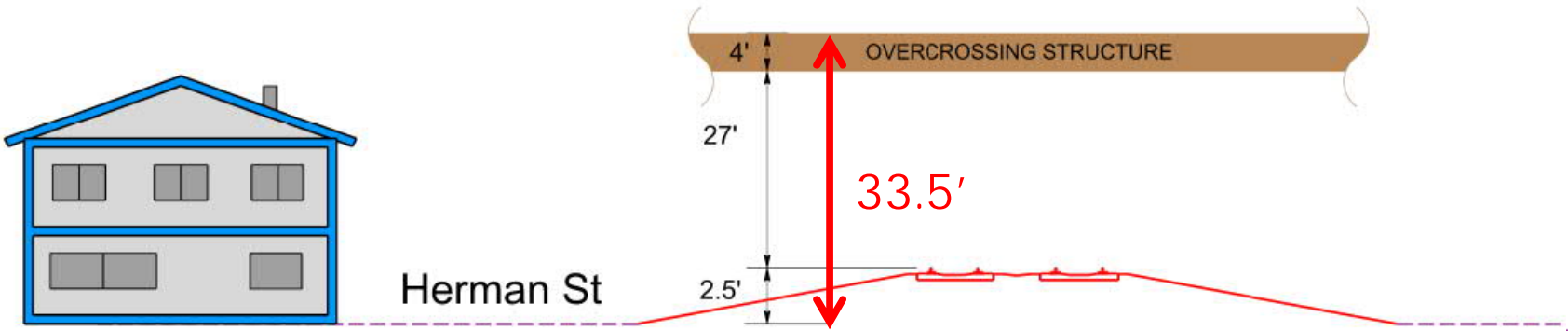
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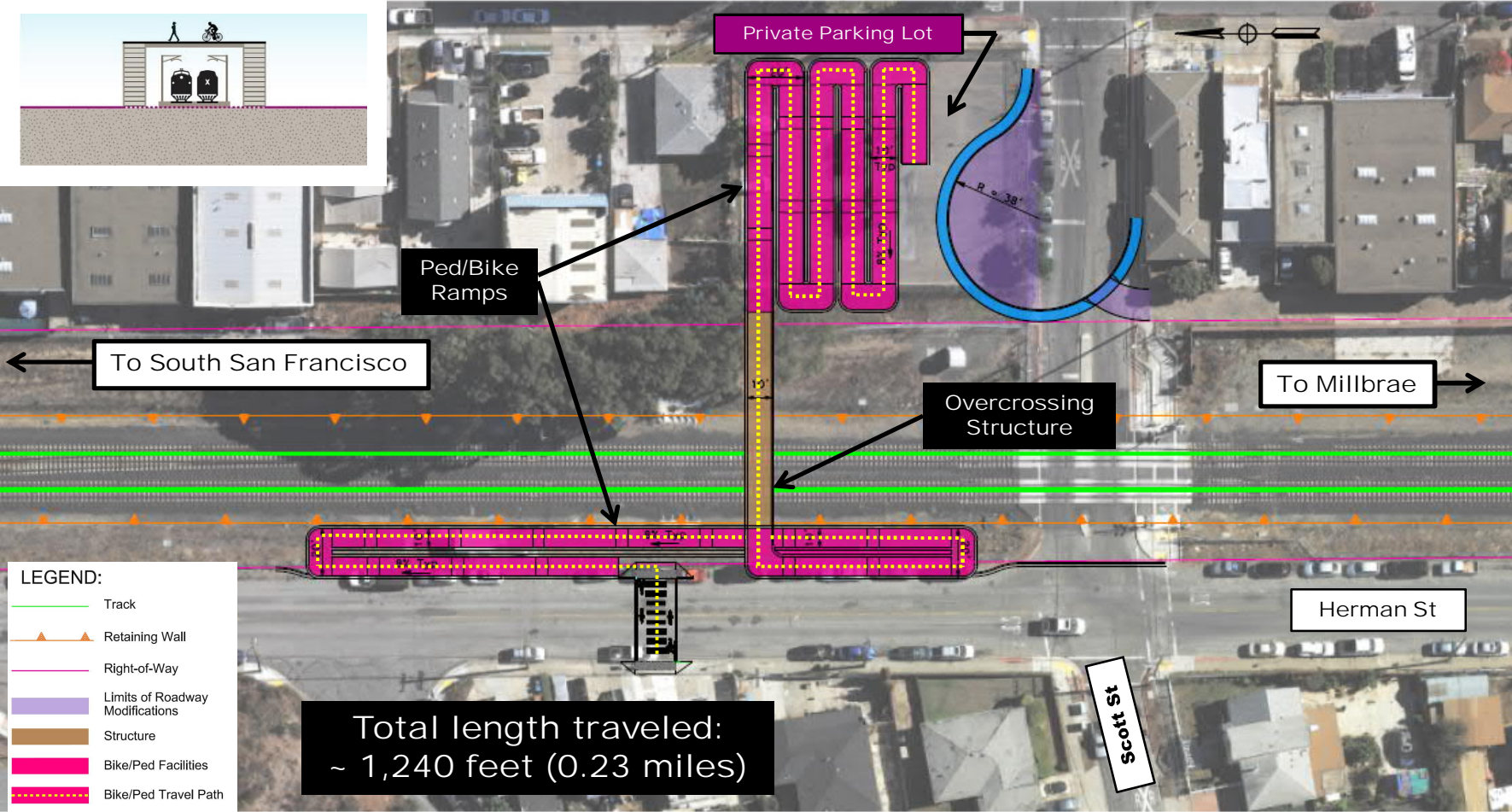
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Top of Rail Elevation Increase	2.5 ft
Vertical Clearance	27 ft
Structure Depth	4 ft
Total Elevation Climb from Herman St	33.5 ft



Alternative 1: Hybrid (Track Raised, Linden Ave Lowered) Scott St Layout- Overcrossing



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Example of Pedestrian Overcrossing



Riverside Elementary School, San Pablo

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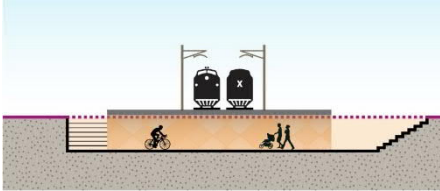


Market Street Overpass, San Francisco

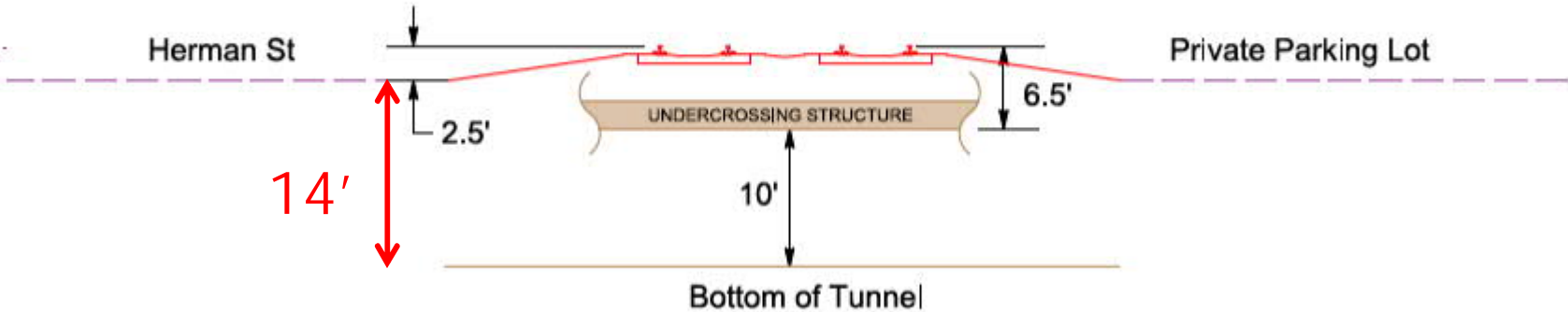
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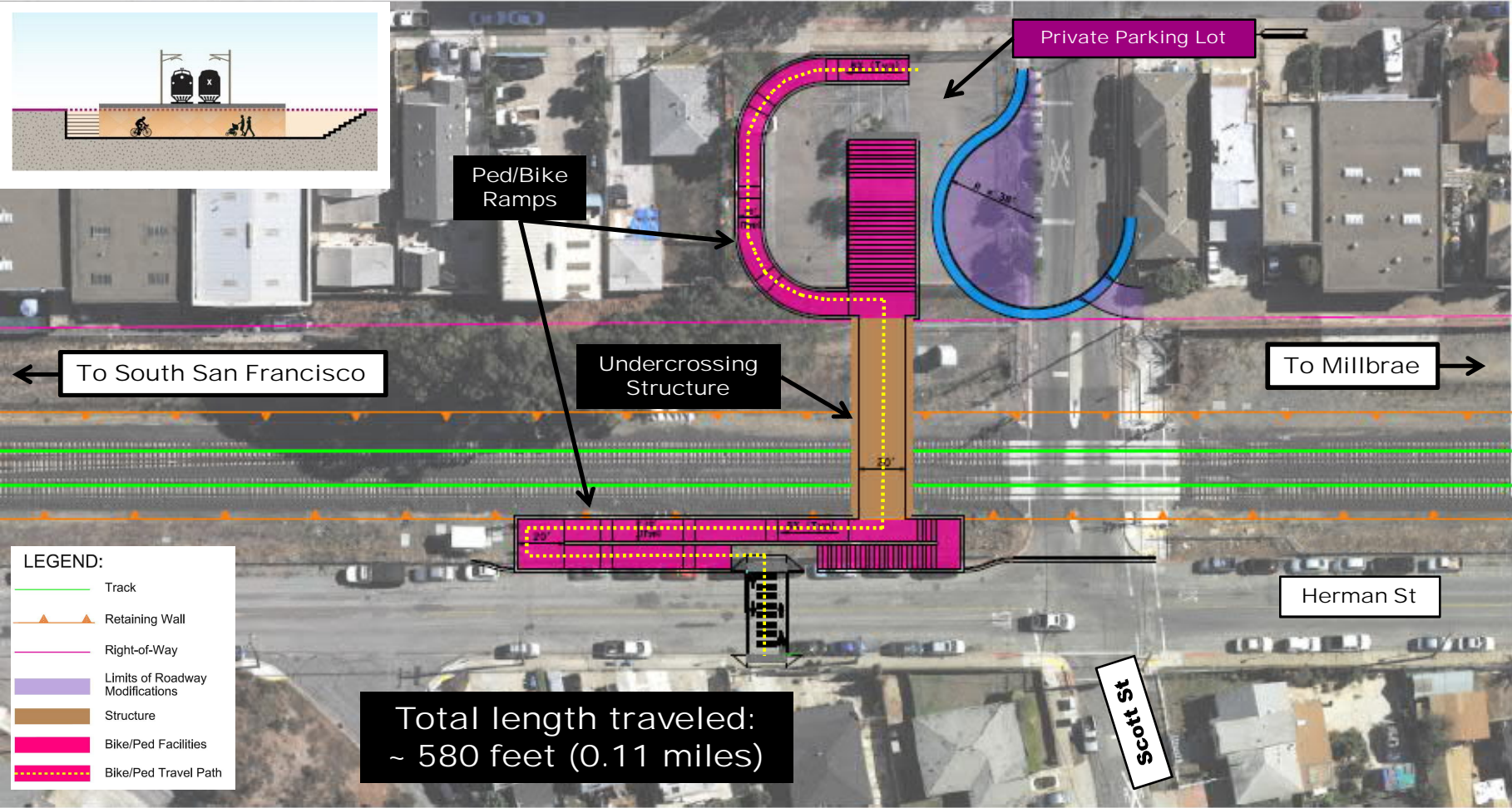
Top of Rail Elevation Increase	2.5 ft
Vertical Clearance	10 ft
Clearance from roof of structure to T/R	6.5 ft
Total Elevation Descent from Herman St	14 ft



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Example of Pedestrian Undercrossing



Arroyo Avenue, San Carlos

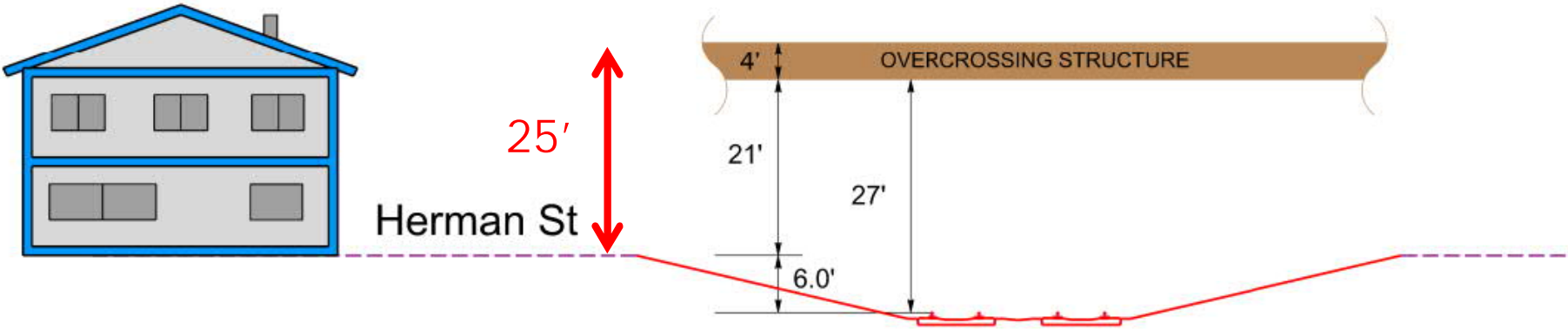
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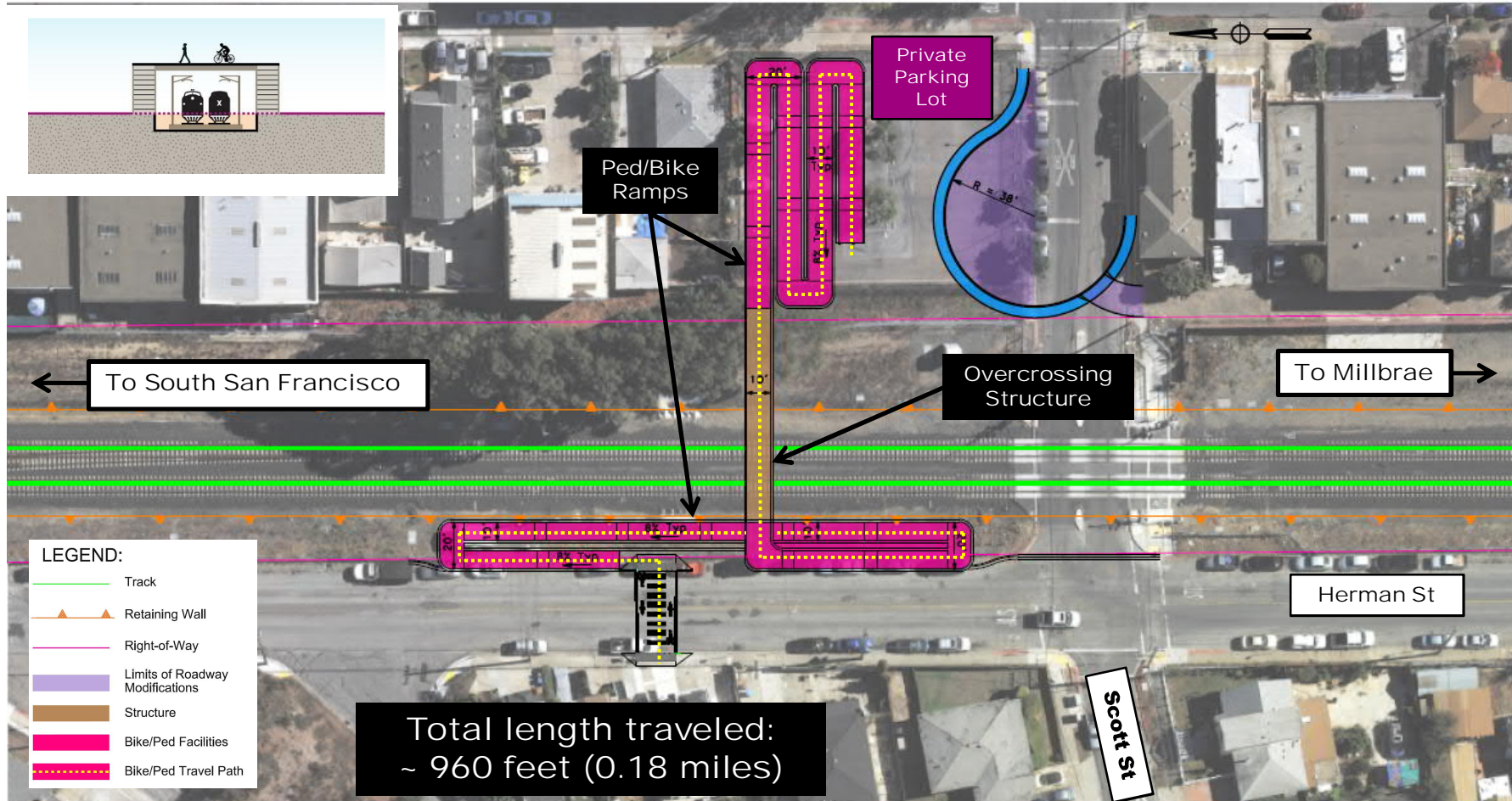
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Vertical Clearance	27 ft
Structure Depth	4 ft
Total Elevation Climb from Herman St	25 ft



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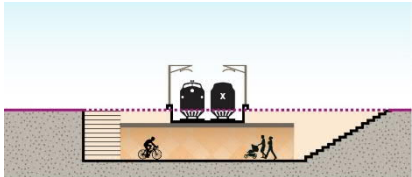
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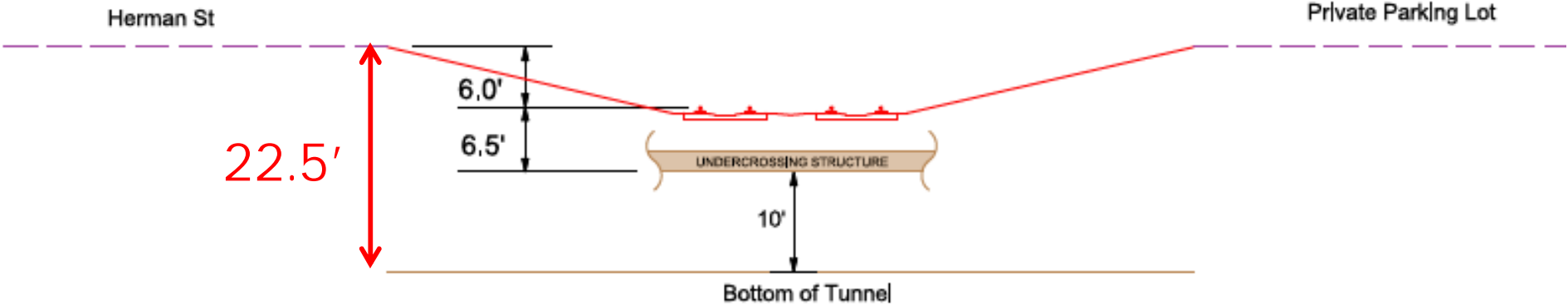
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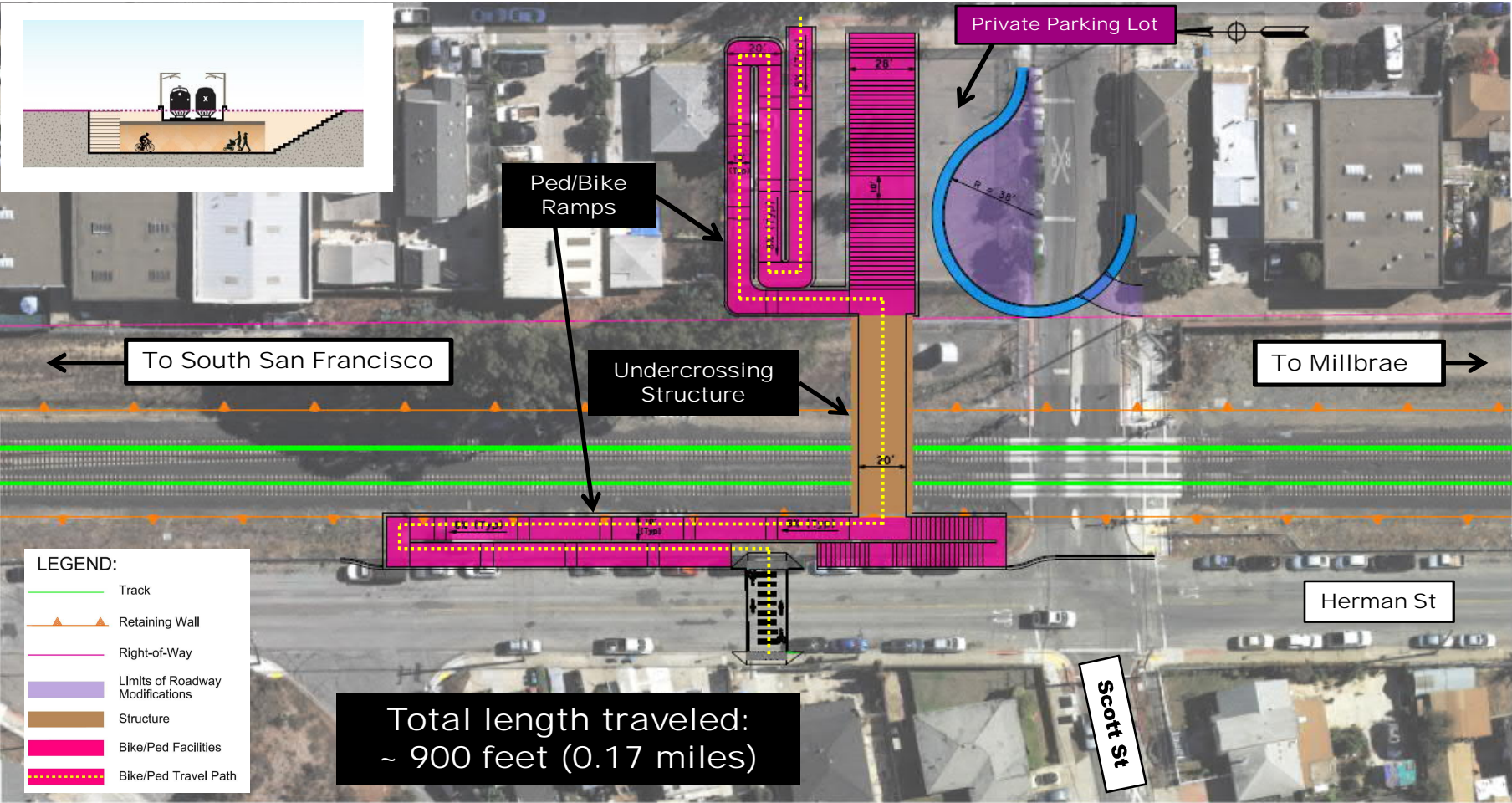
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Clearance from roof of structure to T/R	6.5 ft
Total Elevation Descent from Herman St	22.5 ft



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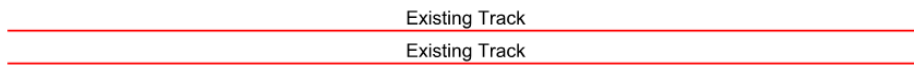
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What Is a Shoofly?

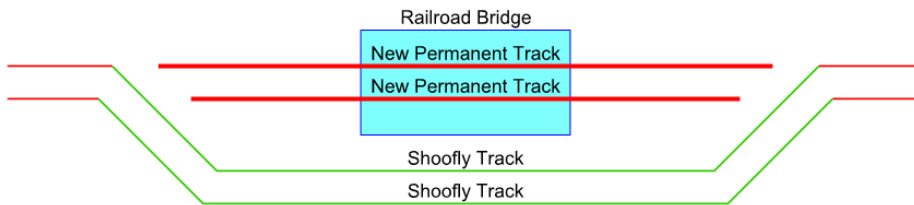
A shoofly track is a temporary track around a construction site or other obstruction, allowing for continuous railroad operation during construction.



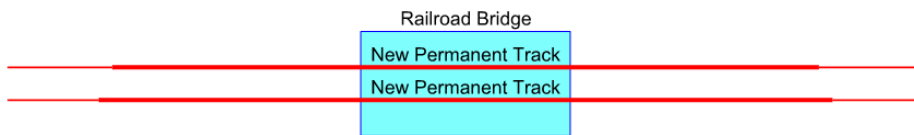
1. Existing track condition.



2. Construct shoofly tracks adjacent to the existing tracks and cutover railroad operations onto the shoofly tracks.



3. Construct the new railroad bridge on the new permanent tracks.

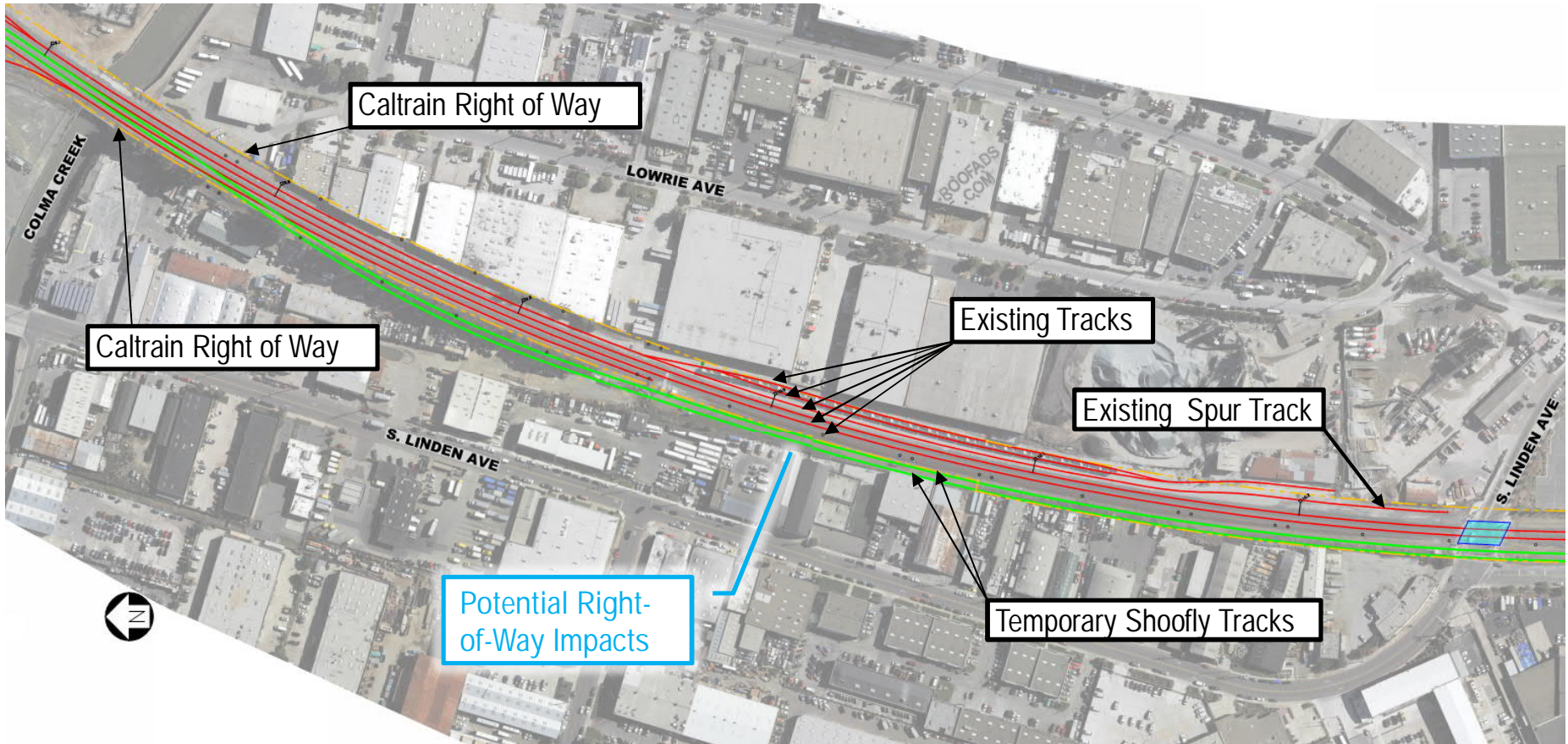


4. Cutover railroad operations back to the new permanent tracks and remove the shoofly tracks.

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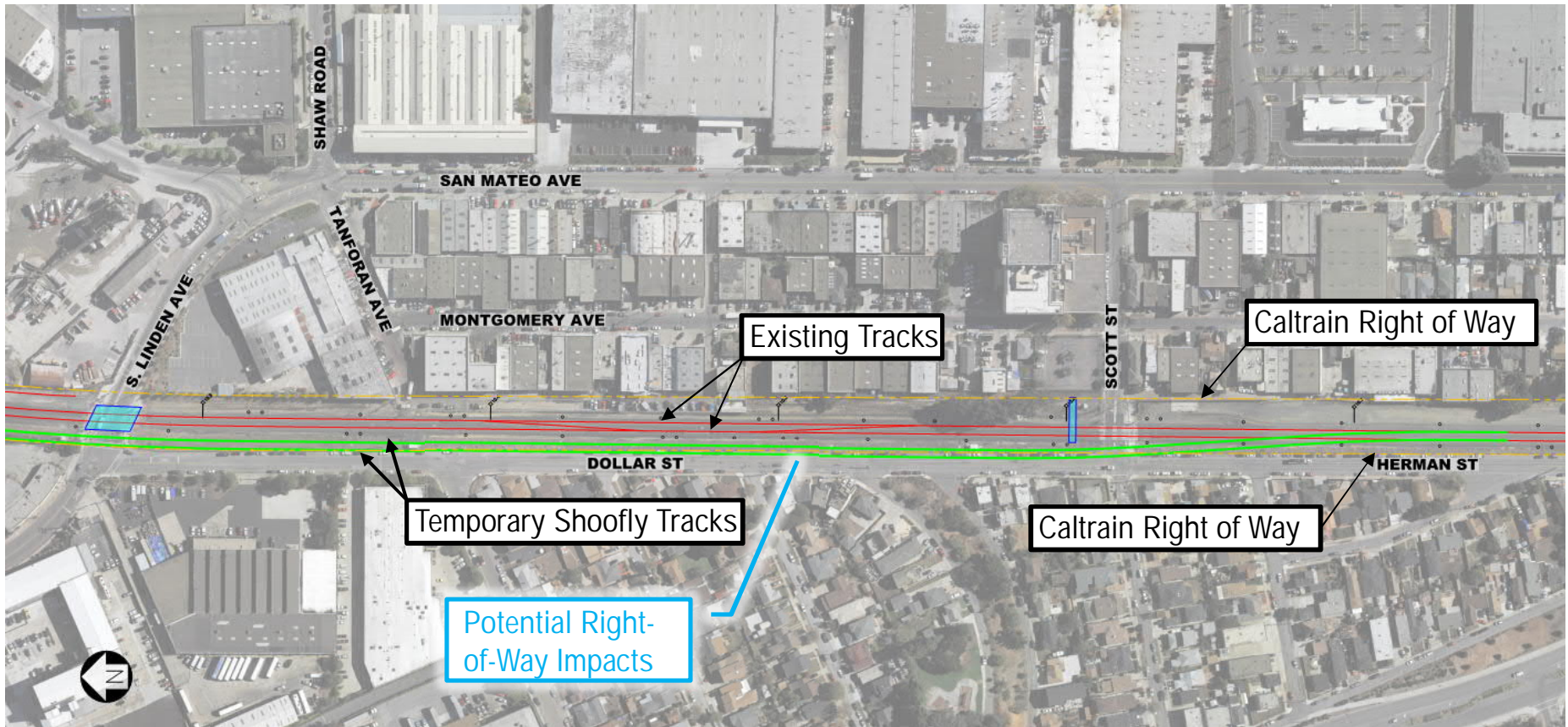
Potential Right-of-Way Impacts for Temporary Tracks



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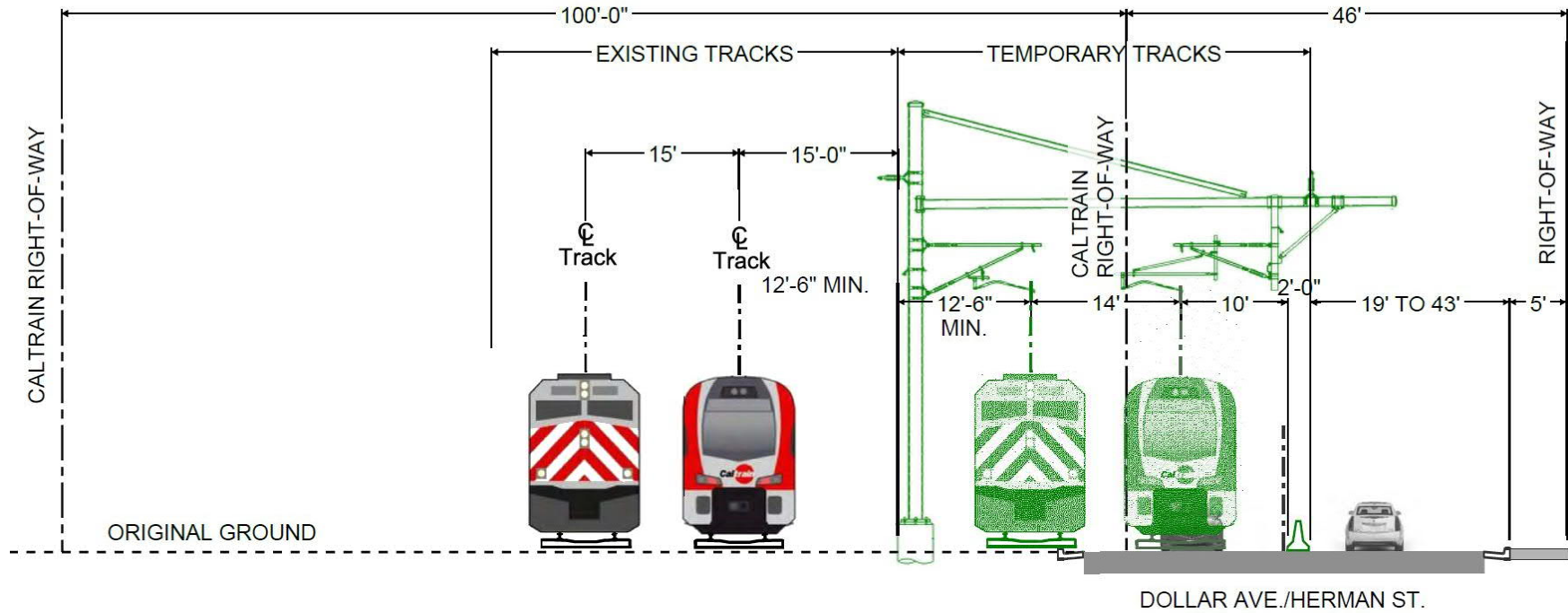
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Cross Section at Dollar Ave/Herman St during Construction

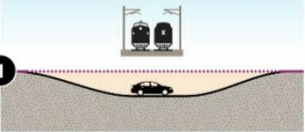

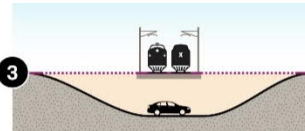
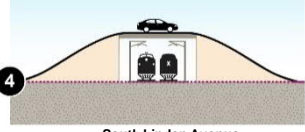


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Advantages & Disadvantages of Grade Separation Alternatives



Alternative	Advantages	Disadvantages
 <p>1 South Linden Avenue Rail Partially Elevated/Roadway Partially Lowered</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Least Property Impacts ▪ Lowest Cost (Probable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shoofly Required*
 <p>2 South Linden Avenue Rail Partially Lowered/Roadway Partially Elevated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduces Train Noise (Rail Elevation Lowered) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More Property Impacts than Alt 1 ▪ Shoofly Required* ▪ High Cost
 <p>3 South Linden Avenue Rail at-grade, Roadway Lowered</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rail Remains At-Grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More Property Impacts than Alt 1 ▪ Limits Access to Adjacent Properties ▪ Greatest Impacts to Sidestreets ▪ Shoofly Required* ▪ High Cost
 <p>4 South Linden Avenue Rail at-grade, Roadway Elevated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rail Remains At-Grade ▪ No Shoofly Required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greatest Property Impacts ▪ Visual impacts ▪ Highest Cost (Probable)

* During construction shoofly will result in potential right of way impacts north of Linden Avenue and disruption to traffic on Dollar/ Herman south of Linden Avenue.

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Advantages & Disadvantages of Ped/Bike Crossing Options

Ped/Bike Crossing	Advantages	Disadvantages
 <p data-bbox="239 773 531 808">OVERCROSSING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Easier to construct than an undercrossing ▪ Less disruption to railroad operations during construction ▪ Potentially less costly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More difficult to cross (longer ramps) ▪ Greater visual impact overall
 <p data-bbox="222 1149 541 1185">UNDERCROSSING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Easier for pedestrians to cross (shorter ramps) ▪ Low visual impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More difficult to construct than an overcrossing ▪ Greater impact to railroad operations during construction ▪ Potentially more costly

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Next Steps

- Q&A Session, June 24, 4:00-5:30p

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92328425584>

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- August 2020 City Council Updates
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South San Francisco City Council Link:

<https://www.ssf.net/departments/city-clerk/city-council-meetings>

San Bruno City Council Link:

https://www.sanbruno.ca.gov/gov/elected_officials/city_council_minutes_n_agendas.htm

- December 2020 Finalize Project Study Report

South San Francisco Project Link: <https://www.ssf.net/SoLindenGS>

San Bruno Project Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ScottStGradeSep>

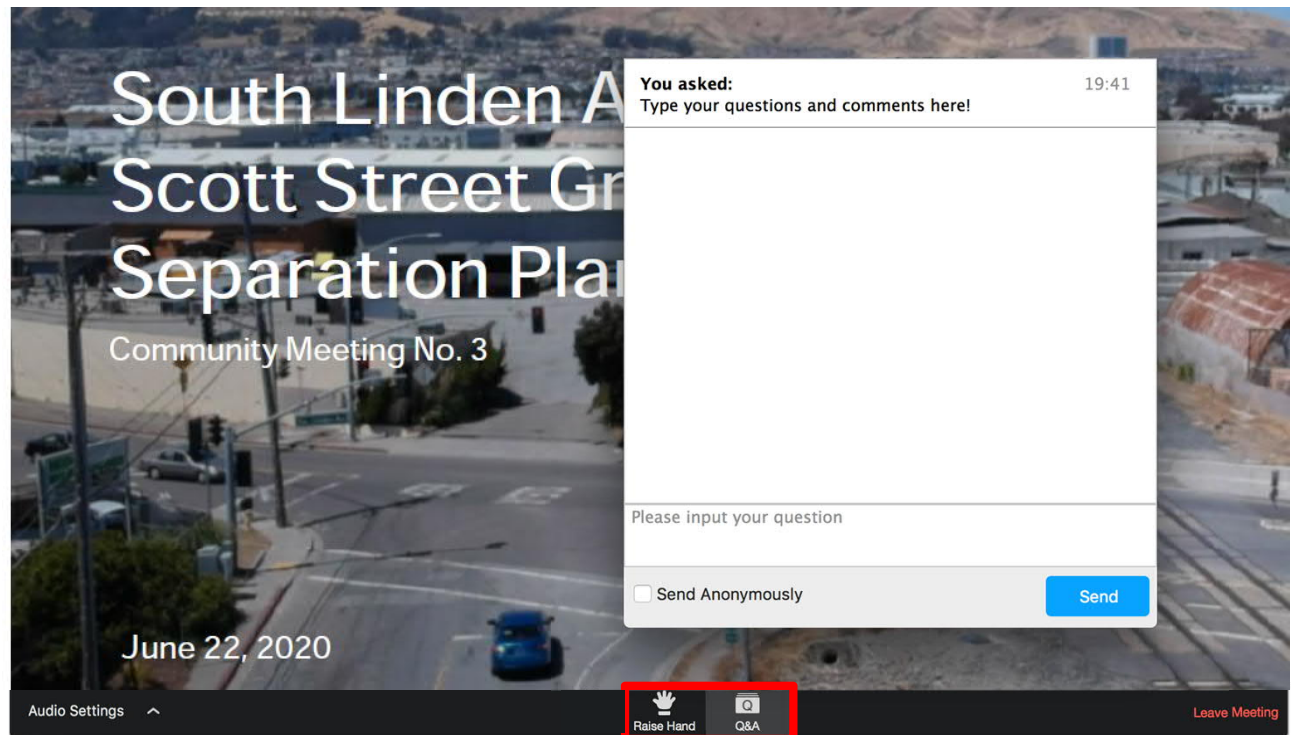
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