

**CITY OF SAN MATEO
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-9**

**CONVERTING A SEGMENT OF RAILROAD AVENUE TO A ONE-WAY STREET, AND
AMENDING SECTION 11.24.030, "ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS SCHEDULE," OF
THE SAN MATEO MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE**

WHEREAS, four rail bridges in the northern part of San Mateo were built in 1903 and have reached the end of their service life; and

WHEREAS, Caltrain's San Mateo Bridges Replacement project (the "Project"), fully detailed in the accompanying Administrative Report, spans a half mile along the Caltrain right-of-way and includes the replacement of the bridges and associated track work and will increase vehicular clearance at all locations; and

WHEREAS, it was discovered that existing field conditions prevent the construction of a retaining wall without compromising the safety of passing trains, construction crews and the general public; and

WHEREAS, Caltrain staff formulated design alternatives which were presented to the Public Works Commission in May 2015, with the recommendation for the preferred alternative to convert a portion of Railroad Avenue to a one-way street; and

WHEREAS, the advantage of converting a segment of Railroad Avenue to a one-way street is that existing on-street parking would be maintained, while addressing safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City's Police and Fire Departments were notified of the proposal to convert a segment of Railroad Avenue to one-way traffic and both departments are supportive of this alternative;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA FINDS that:

1. Converting the section of Railroad Avenue, east of the railroad tracks, between Monte Diablo Avenue and Cypress Avenue, to a one-way street is in the interest of public convenience and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS that:

Section 1. Caltrain completed the NEPA environmental review process as a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117(d)(3), "Grade separations requiring land acquisition to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings and bridge rehabilitation (including approaches to bridges and excluding historic bridges or bridges providing access to ecologically sensitive areas)," in accordance with their requirements.

Section 2. The section of Railroad Avenue, east of Southern Pacific right-of-way, between Monte Diablo Avenue and Cypress Avenue, shall be converted to a one-way street.

Section 3. Section 11.24.030, "One Way Streets and Alleys Schedule," subsection (7), is amended to read:

(7) Railroad Avenue, east of Southern Pacific right-of-way, from First Avenue to Monte Diablo Avenue, in a northerly direction.

Section 4. PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall be published in summary in a newspaper publication of general circulation, posted in the City Clerk's Office, and posted on the City's website, all in accord with Section 2.15 of the City Charter.

Section 5. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND EFFECTIVE DATE. Ordinance introduced on June 15, 2015, adopted on July 20, 2015 and shall be effective thirty days from the date of adoption.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of San Mateo, State of California by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Freschet, Matthews, Bonilla, Goethals and Lim

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:



Patrice M. Oids, City Clerk



Maureen Freschet, Mayor