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In Oakland by the I-880/7th Street interchange, BART's trans-Bay line crosses over the Union Pacific track used by Capitol Corridor, San Joaquin, and Amtrak passenger trains.

16 BART trains per hour each way serve downtown San Francisco and the Peninsula. Running time to the Embarcadero BART/Muni station is six minutes, and to all four downtown stations is six to ten minutes.

An intermodal transfer station (Call it the "SF Bay Rail Hub") appears feasible. BART's 700-foot long platforms would require about 800 feet of tangent track. (There is now a slight curvature, and BART is on aerial structure.) A four-track station (like MacArthur) on this line would enhance normal operations on this long 2-track line and speed recovery in an emergency. (Most of the line is underground, making pocket tracks very costly.)

The site could well house an inter-city bus terminal serving the entire Bay Area. In case of emergency closure of either BART or the Bay Bridge, the other would allow trans-Bay commute transit to operate.

Moving the railroad passenger car maintenance to this area, near this passenger train hub, would free up yard space near the port for more productive use.

Land near the rail hub would be ideal for port and regional government offices. It would have superb transit access for employees and the public.

An easy BART/CapCor transfer here would greatly reduce automobile traffic on I-80 by making the Capitol Corridor trains more accessible for trips between the Bay Area and Sacramento. It would also provide a safer, more reliable route for High Speed Rail passengers between San Jose and San Francisco than Caltrain, since it would already be fenced and grade separated.

A BART to Sacramento by rail trip now involves taking BART to an intermodal transfer in Richmond and is hardly competitive with driving. This intermodal station would make an all-rail trip viable.

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