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# Lawsuit filed over electrifying Caltrain

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A Peninsula city and a Bay Area transportation and environmental advocacy group that has battled the state's high-speed rail project filed suit Monday to halt Caltrain's electrification project.

The town of Atherton and a Peninsula anti-high-speed-rail group joined the Transporta-

tion Solutions Defense and Education Fund of San Rafael in a suit challenging Caltrain's environmental impact report on the San Jose-to-San Francisco electrification project.

The suit contends the required study failed to mention some of the effects of eventually sharing electrified tracks with high-speed trains, which it says will cause

the commuter railroad to reach its maximum capacity by 2040.

"We're incredibly disappointed that Atherton has chosen to go this route," said Jayme Ackemann, a Caltrain spokeswoman. "There are 17 communities along this (railroad). We have managed to work with the 16 others to make sure there are no problems."

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