Peninsula Station, “Pen Station,” which opened in September 2010, is the result of a visionary partnership between the City of San Mateo, the County of San Mateo and MidPen Housing. Conveniently located within a quarter mile of the Hillsdale Caltrain Station and across the street from Hillsdale Shopping Center, Pen Station provides transit-oriented housing to 68 low-income working families who otherwise would not be able to afford to live in the area.

Pen Station received the 2011 Green Building Award from Sustainable San Mateo County which reflects the commitment to sustainability shared by all of the key partners. Built on what was once the site of a Good Year Tire Center, Pen Station is now a vibrant, mixed-use community which supports the Grand Boulevard Initiative to transform El Camino Real into a safe and welcoming place to live, work and play.

The community space at Pen Station opens onto a large central courtyard with two play areas for children, podium landscaping and space for a community garden. The property features public art including a sculpture by Aaron P. Kerkhove and a mural by Mona Caron.