

SF Weekend Service Temporarily Suspended

From Saturday, February 22, to Sunday, March 29, trains will not serve the San Francisco or 22nd Street stations on weekends in order to accommodate construction in tunnels needed for the Caltrain Electrification project. Trains will originate and terminate at the Bayshore Station.

Free SamTrans bus service will be provided to connect Caltrain riders traveling from the Bayshore Station to 22nd Street and San Francisco stations during this time.

Buses are ADA accessible and will have limited onboard capacity for luggage and bikes. Details regarding

station impacts, ticketing and transit alternatives are available at: caltrain.com/SFWeekendClosure.

This closure is necessary to install the overhead catenary system, which will supply power to trains after the launch of electrified service in 2022.



Workers get tunnels ready for electrified service.

During the weekend closures, riders may want to consider other available public transit options:

- Caltrain connects to BART at the Millbrae Transit Center
- SamTrans' ECR connects San Mateo County to Daly City BART
- MUNI's 8-Bayshore, 9-San Bruno and T-Third Street light rail line all serve the Bayshore Caltrain Station
- SamTrans' 292, 397 and 398 connect San Mateo County to downtown San Francisco
- VTA 181 goes from San Jose Diridon to Fremont and Warm Springs BART
- Amtrak Capitol Corridor connects from San Jose Diridon and Santa Clara stations to Coliseum BART.
- E-bike share vendors Baywheels and JUMP are located at the Bayshore Station

Pay for Parking

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In that time, more than 1,000 permits were sold through the app, with no reported issues. This is the first feature of its kind in the Bay Area, and was one of the most requested updates by Caltrain Mobile users.

Caltrain Mobile allows riders to bypass ticketing machines before boarding at stations. The app offers One-Way, Day Pass and Zone Upgrade digital tickets for adults and passengers who qualify for discounted fare. Caltrain Mobile is ideal for

occasional and weekend riders headed to special events, day trips, sporting events, visiting friends and shopping. The Buy Again feature allows riders to purchase the same ticket as they have purchased in the past with a single touch. Ticket prices are the same as paper tickets and there are no additional fees. Tickets for multiple people can be purchased and used on a single phone. Tickets are activated immediately upon purchase and the rules are the same as the ticket machine.

Future app updates could include trip planning and real-time departure information, among other functions.

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Information for **Caltrain** Customers



New Life Fellowship Praise Team entertains riders on the Celebration Train.



CELEBRATING KING'S LEGACY

Since 1985, Caltrain has run a special train on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day to offer our community a chance to come together and celebrate the good works of an American hero.

On Monday, January 20, over 800 Peninsula residents boarded the MLK Jr. Celebration Train in San Jose, Palo Alto and San Mateo. While aboard, the New Life Fellowship Praise Team, led by Caltrain employee Tomisha Young, entertained the crowds and properly set the mood. The onboard Martin Luther King Jr. trivia contest was fiercely competitive, as Caltrain's official MLK Jr. Day T-shirts were very much in demand.

Caltrain partners with the Northern California Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Foundation in bringing the Celebration Train

to the Peninsula, as well as organizing multiple events throughout San Francisco.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is not just a holiday; it is a call for service to one's community and a reminder that we all have a role to play in the struggle to make our nation more equal and more just. Caltrain is honored to acknowledge Dr. King and to help our riders celebrate the day together and learn more about what he did and what he means to us. As he said himself, "I want young men and young women who are not alive today but who will come into this world with new privileges and new opportunity, I want them to know and see that these new privileges and opportunity did not come without somebody suffering and sacrificing for them."

Pay for Parking with Caltrain Mobile

Caltrain Mobile now allows users to pay for parking through their phones. The app, which launched in February 2018, has been downloaded nearly 300,000 times and more than 1.1 million tickets have been purchased through the app.

The new feature offers users the option to purchase a Caltrain Daily Parking Permit. After selecting the option, users can select the station they parked at and input their parking space number, allowing them to pay for parking in seconds without requiring the use of a ticket vending machine.

The feature was introduced in a soft launch on December 18.

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Caltrain Mobile
 Ticket on the go!



CalMod CORNER

It's a new year, and there's still plenty left to do before we get our electrified service up and running. Big news out of the Stadler Plant in Utah; our first seven-car train set has been completed! That leaves 18 to go, but this is a major milestone nonetheless. In addition, our train cars are going through the "squeeze test," which subjects the shell of the car to twisting, bending and other external pressures in order to make sure they are safe and secure. So far, everything is looking good for the new fleet.

The San Francisco tunnels will be closing for six weekends from February 22 to March 29 in order to get the catenary system that will eventually power our trains installed.

Foundations continue to be built throughout the corridor, and catenary poles are currently being installed in Santa Clara as well. Check the spring edition of Caltrain Connection for even more updates on the ongoing electrification of Caltrain.



Caltrain Electrification Tunnel Work



Chew-Chew Train

CARNITAS EL RINCON: A Celebration of PORK

I'm not surprising anyone by saying that Redwood City is a good place to get Mexican food. This was true when Redwood City was a boring little collection of brutalist government buildings, and it remains true now that it's the hip, happening place that it has become. Recently, I noticed some changes at the old Tacos El Grullense. And as I'm not one to let pork-related developments slide by me, I hopped on the train heading south from San Carlos with an empty belly and an open mind.

This being a relatively new addition, a few things from the menu were not yet in house, so my desire for chicharrones and pickled pigs feet would have to wait for another day. However, when our assorted selections arrived, those absences fled our minds. The tacos were DIY, coming simply as tortillas with a generous helping of meat on top and allowing us to add our onions, cilantro and salsas at the salsa bar. The burrito had a good mix to it, with large chunks of avocado rather than guacamole, giving it a vibrant and fresh feel. And the carnitas plate had a flavorful rice and rich, creamy refried beans of which I left none behind.

But ladies and gentlemen, I must dedicate a paragraph solely to the pork. The carnitas mixtas was a work of art,

something that should be kept in a museum and preserved for future generations. It looks to be a combination of all the meats in house, with some bits of gelatinous skin and possibly even buche thrown in with the tender bits of pork shoulder that melted in your mouth. As such, every bite delivered a range of textures and flavors, a simple presentation of a complex and sophisticated product.

This is a transit-oriented treasure, a welcome addition to Redwood City's culinary scene and the best food one can have in a former Taco Bell.

Chew Chew Train is a monthly blog feature highlighting places to eat along the Caltrain line. If you have a suggestion for a future restaurant, please email Public Affairs Specialist Dan Lieberman at liebermand@samtrans.com.



HOLIDAY TRAIN

The 2019 Holiday Train brought out thousands of people to donate gifts to children in need. Thanks to everyone that made this festive event such a success!



Caltrain Safety Tips

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention:

- Wash your hands with soap and water before and after riding public transit.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Do not cough into your hands. Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow.
- Avoid eating while onboard.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Take Caltrain to these special events. The station name and any additional transit service are listed below each event.

**April 5 -
September 27**

San Francisco Giants
Oracle Park, San Francisco
San Francisco Caltrain Station
www.mlb.com/giants

April 10
Celine Dion

Chase Center, San Francisco
San Francisco Caltrain Station
www.chasecenter.com/events

April 24
Ozuna

SAP Center, San Jose
San Jose Diridon Caltrain Station
www.sapcenter.com

May 17
Stars on Ice 2020

SAP Center, San Jose
San Jose Diridon Caltrain Station
www.sapcenter.com

May 19
Bay to Breakers

Howard & Main Streets,
San Francisco Caltrain Station
www.baytobreakers.com

May 22
Justin Bieber

Levi's® Stadium, Santa Clara
Mountain View Caltrain Station
to VTA light rail
www.levisstadium.com