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### **25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation Groundbreaking**

**What:** Caltrain, in cooperation with the City of San Mateo, will host a celebratory event to break ground on the long-anticipated 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation Project that will raise the tracks and slightly lower the ground (grade separate) at E. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue in San Mateo.

**When:** 1 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2017

**Where:** 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue @ Delaware Street, San Mateo, CA 94403

**Who:** Speakers for the program will include:

- State Senator **Jerry Hill**
- San Mateo Mayor **David Lim**
- San Mateo City Councilmember **Maureen Freschet**
- Redwood City Councilmember and Caltrain Board Chair **Jeff Gee (emcee)**
- California High Speed Rail Authority Interim Chief Executive Officer **Tom Fellenz**
- San Mateo City Manager **Larry Patterson**

**Why:** The 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation Project is designed to improve safety for both motorists and pedestrians, and it will reduce local traffic congestion in San Mateo. In addition, the project will provide an opportunity to complete east-west street connections at 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenues. As part of the project improvements, Caltrain will build a new elevated Hillsdale Station located at E. 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The new station will offer updated amenities and will allow for better safety and reduced traffic.

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