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### **Construction to begin on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation**

Work is set to begin this month on Caltrain's 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians and reduce local traffic congestion.

On October 23, crews will begin building the bridges and walls necessary for the elevated rail alignment. There will be a partial closure of the parking lot at the Hillsdale Station, with temporary parking being made available at 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue. There will also be periodic lane closures and parking restrictions on East 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and occasional single-tracking for Caltrain service around the area. In order to maintain regular train service, some activities will be conducted during nights and weekends, outside of normal train service hours. Neighbors may experience construction noise and light during these times and can sign up for a weekly construction notice at [www.caltrain.com/25thGS](http://www.caltrain.com/25thGS).

This grade separation project has been a goal of Caltrain and the City of San Mateo for many years. The separation will complete east-west connections at 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenues, reducing local traffic congestion and increasing safety for drivers and pedestrians. In addition, a new, modernized Hillsdale station is scheduled to open in 2019.

The project, funded by a combination of City, State, High Speed Rail Authority and San Mateo County Measure A funds, is estimated to cost \$180 million.

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