

# 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project

## Upcoming Project Night Work

Dear Caltrain Neighbor,

As part of the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project, night work has been occurring along the project area. Crews will begin installing temporary shoring near 31st Avenue and then near 25th Avenue in the Caltrain right-of-way starting November 27. Sheet piles, used for the temporary shoring, are a retention system where steel sheets are installed with a vibratory hammer to create a wall that provides lateral support. In an effort to mitigate the noise, crews plan to pre-drill prior to inserting the steel sheets.

Crews will also continue installing cast-in-drilled-hole piles within the Caltrain right-of-way. The piles are installed by drilling a borehole into the ground, which is then reinforced. Crews will then pour concrete into the borehole to form the pile. This work has begun at the pedestrian underpass, located between 28th and 31st Avenues, and is then anticipated to move in the following sequence: 28th Avenue (12 piles), Borel Creek (10 piles), 25th Avenue (12 piles) and 31st Avenue (14 piles). Under normal circumstances, one to two piles can be constructed a night.

When possible, work will be conducted during the day. However, due to the proximity of some activities relative to the railroad tracks, night work may be required throughout the project. In an effort to start construction earlier in the evening, Caltrain will be single tracking its trains on evenings when night work is scheduled. Please note the construction schedule is subject to change.

The 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project will raise the tracks and slightly lower the road (grade separate) at E. 25th Avenue in San Mateo. Caltrain, in cooperation with the City of San Mateo, is implementing the project to improve safety for both motorists and pedestrians. The project will also reduce local traffic congestion and horn noise in San Mateo. In addition, the project will provide an opportunity to complete east-west street connections at 28th and 31st Avenues. As part of the project improvements, Caltrain will build a new elevated Hillsdale Station located at E. 28th Avenue. The new station will offer updated amenities and will allow for better safety and reduced traffic.

Caltrain offers a weekly notice for those interested in the latest construction activities. For more information on the project, and to sign-up for the weekly construction notice, please visit [www.caltrain.com/25thGS](http://www.caltrain.com/25thGS). For questions about the project, please call the Caltrain Construction Hotline at 650.508.7726 or email [SMGradeSep@caltrain.com](mailto:SMGradeSep@caltrain.com).

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