

CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION



PALO ALTO FACT SHEET | June 2019

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Over the last decade, Caltrain has experienced a substantial increase in ridership and anticipates further increases in ridership demand as the Bay Area’s population grows. Caltrain Electrification, scheduled to be operational by 2022, will electrify and upgrade the performance, operating efficiency, capacity, safety and reliability of Caltrain’s commuter rail service.

Caltrain Electrification is a key component of the Caltrain Modernization Program and consists of replacing diesel-hauled trains with electric trains for service between Fourth and King Street Station in San Francisco and the Tamien Station in San Jose. The project will include the installation of new electrical infrastructure and the purchase of electric vehicles.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

In summer 2018, Caltrain began performing work along the railroad corridor in Palo Alto.

The activities during this time included locating underground utilities, testing soil conditions, inspecting signal/communication equipment, potholing, and pruning/removing trees in preparation for the installation and operation of the Overhead Contact System that will power electric trains.

DATE	WORK ACTIVITY	DURATION
In Progress	Tree Pruning/Removal	2-3 months
In Progress	Potholing	2-3 months
Summer/Fall 2019	Paralleling Station	6-8 months
Summer/Fall 2019	Foundation Installation	2-3 months
Late 2019	Pole/Wire Installation	4-5 months
Fall 2019	Bridge Barrier Installation	2-3 months

Expected durations indicates first and last day of activity. Number of actual workdays will be fewer.

FOUNDATION INSTALLATION

Foundation work will start in summer/fall 2019 and will continue over the duration of 2-3 months. Activities for the foundation construction will include excavation, placement of rebar, concrete fill and electrical grounding. Foundations are typically spaced 180 feet apart along the corridor and crews can complete a total of 2-6 foundations per night.

POLE AND WIRE INSTALLATION

Pole and wire Installation will start late 2019 and continue for a duration of 4-5 months. Caltrain will be installing approximately one hundred ninety-six (196) poles along the Caltrain Right-of-Way in the Palo Alto corridor. Poles will vary in height from 30 feet to 50 feet. Poles will be spaced approximately 180 feet apart.

PARALLELLING STATION CONSTRUCTION

Installation of the Paralleling Station is expected to begin in summer/fall 2019 and continue for 6-8 months. The Paralleling Station is an unmanned facility that will provide and regulate electrical power to the electric trains through the Overhead Contact System. The Paralleling Station will contain a single transformer, control house, and access area. Installation of the Paralleling Station will also include installation of two gantry structures up to 50 feet.

BRIDGE BARRIER INSTALLATION

Bridge Barrier installation is expected to begin Fall 2019 and continue for a duration of 2-3 months. Caltrain will be installing a bridge barrier at the bridge location at San Antonio Road in Palo Alto.

The Bridge Barriers are necessary to prohibit access to the rail corridor and prevent object from being thrown off the bridges. The barriers will be a combination of chain link screen mesh fencing and polycarbonate paneling. Bridge Barriers will be approximately 10 feet in height and will replace existing Bridge Barrier fencing.

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WORK HOURS

Work will take place during the day and at night, with night work occurring between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. There may be occasional 24-hour work on weekends. Caltrain will work with contractors to minimize night work to limit the impact to surrounding communities; however, some work must be performed at night in order to maintain regular Caltrain service. To mitigate noise and other impacts during night and weekend activities, the field team will use acoustical noise barrier blankets and will position lights away from residential and business areas. Caltrain has established a dedicated project hotline and email for residents concerned about these potential impacts.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Caltrain has established a project information line and project e-mail for Caltrain Electrification to record and respond to questions and comments from residents and stakeholders.

The project information line can be reached at **650.399.9659** or toll free at **800.660.4287**

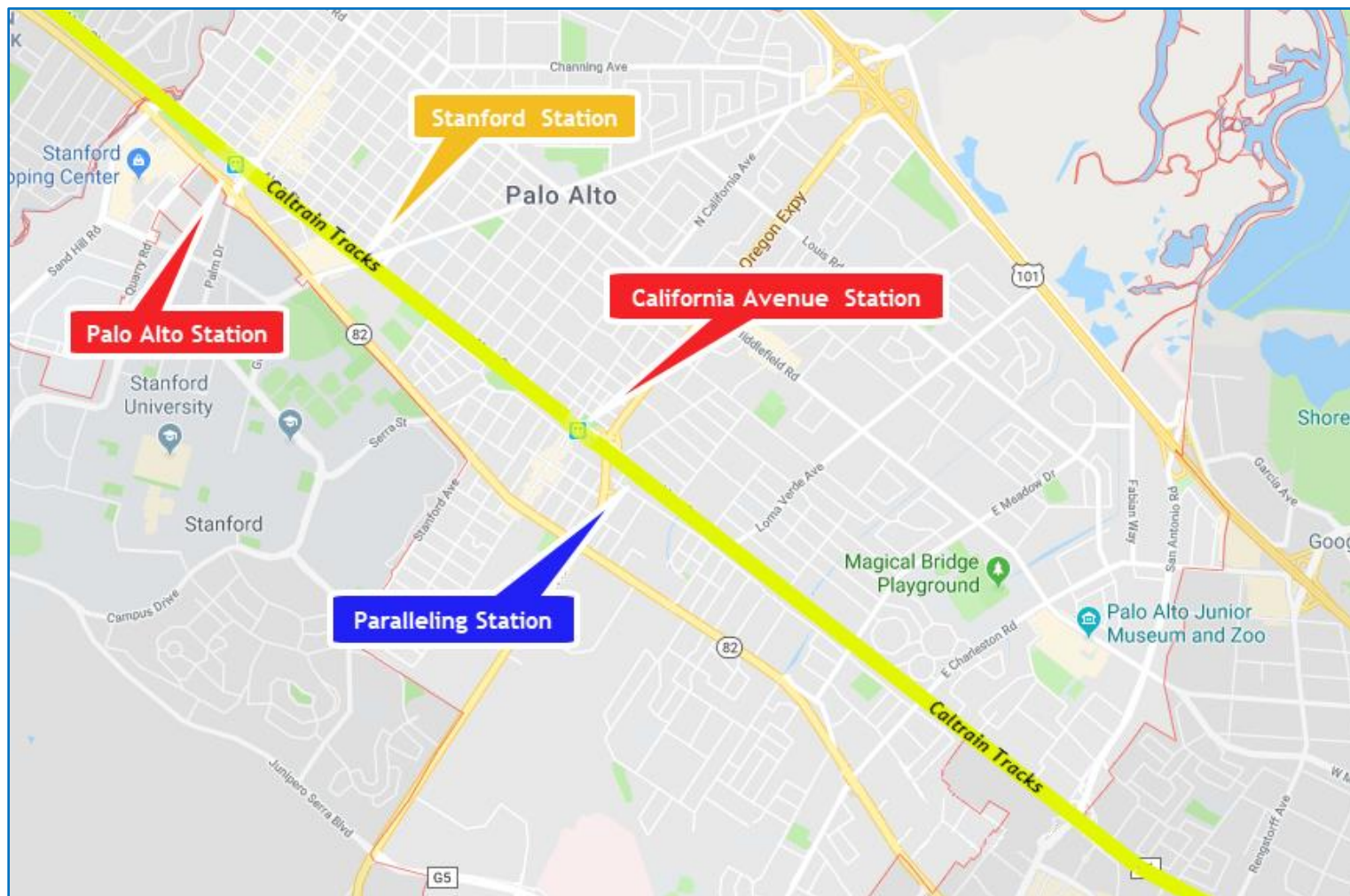
The project e-mail is calmod@caltrain.com

In addition, Caltrain has established a community outreach office at:

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Sign up for weekly construction updates at:
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WORK AREA




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