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NEWS

September 7, 2022

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Caltrain Board Proclaims September Rail Safety & Suicide Prevention Month

For most people living and working along the rail corridor, the sight of Caltrain operating daily service up and down the Peninsula is commonplace. However, complacency around a heavy commuter train and relatively open access to the rails often leads to tragedy.

To highlight the importance of safety around train tracks and the high rate of intentional deaths on the rails, the Caltrain Board of Directors adopted a proclamation designating September as Railroad Safety & Suicide Prevention Month during its monthly meeting.

"This proclamation reaffirms Caltrain's commitment to provide safe and efficient daily train service between San Francisco and Gilroy," said Acting Executive Director Michelle Bouchard. "At Caltrain, safety is our highest priority. While we recognize September as Rail Safety & Suicide Prevention Month, our commitment to safety is a year-round effort."

In honor of Rail Safety & Suicide Prevention Month, Caltrain is launching a new, nationwide public service announcement (PSA) today, September 7, in partnership with [Operation Lifesaver](#), an international model program for rail safety education and awareness. The video entitled "Stop Track Tragedies," shares the powerful stories of survivors and family members to help prevent future tragedies on the railroad. The PSA is available on [Vimeo](#) and other Caltrain social media platforms.

On Tuesday, September 20, Caltrain and the Transit Police unit will be doing a Rail Safety Blitz event to educate commuters onboard trains, as well as drivers and pedestrians at specified grade crossings with rail safety educational brochures. Also, the railroad has historically collaborated with suicide prevention agencies to prevent intentional deaths on the rails by posting crisis hotline signage at points all along the corridor and partnering with local behavioral and mental health organizations in San Francisco, San Mateo and

Santa Clara counties.

Caltrain addresses safety through a comprehensive, ongoing program that focuses on the “Three E’s” of railroad safety – Education, Engineering and Enforcement.

For the last 18 years, Caltrain has planned or participated in an annual rail safety event in conjunction with Operation Lifesaver. Since 2009, [California Operation Lifesaver](#) has declared September as Rail Safety Month. As one of the nonprofit organization’s community partners, Caltrain joins in their efforts to promote rail safety initiatives.

To be a part of the conversation during Rail Safety & Suicide Prevention Month, passengers and local residents can pick a favorite safety tip and share it on social media with **#CaltrainSafe** and **#RailSafety**.

Examples of tips:

- If you encounter an emergency on Caltrain or see something suspicious, call the **Transit Police at 1.877.SAF.RAIL (1.877.723.7245)**.
- A typical Caltrain train can take nearly a mile to stop, even when emergency brakes are applied.
- It is never safe to stop closer than 15 feet from the rails, and a train is at least three feet wider than tracks on both sides.
- Only cross Caltrain tracks at designated crossings when it is safe to do so. While it might not be the quickest route, it is the safest.

For more information, visit www.caltrain.com/rider-information/safety-security.

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About Caltrain: Owned and operated by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Caltrain provides rail service from San Francisco to San Jose, with commute service to Gilroy. Serving the region since 1863, Caltrain is the oldest continually operating rail system west of the Mississippi. Looking to the future, Caltrain is set to electrify the corridor by 2024, which will reduce diesel emissions and add more service to more stations while advancing the agency’s equity goals.

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Caltrain Improves BART Connections, Increases San Francisco and South San Francisco Service with New Weekday Schedule

Service adjusted to meet growing demand as more riders return to transit

On September 12, Caltrain will begin running a [new weekday schedule](#) that reduces wait times for passengers connecting with BART in the evenings, while increasing service to the South San Francisco and 22nd Street stations.

BART and Caltrain evening connections will improve so riders will only have to wait between nine and 16 minutes at the Millbrae Transit Center. To accommodate [Electrification Project](#) construction work, all trains after 7 p.m. will have longer end-to-end travel times by an average of 13 minutes. The adjustment maintains the 104-train schedule that Caltrain operates every weekday, which is more service than pre-pandemic.

During the peak morning and evening commute, two trains per hour per direction will stop at the newly renovated South San Francisco Station to provide increased service for the downtown area, Oyster Point employees and ferry riders. This will double the peak hour service to a station that has seen the highest ridership growth during the pandemic.

Also during the southbound morning and northbound evening commute, additional limited trains will stop at the 22nd Street Station to provide increased service to better connect this station to Silicon Valley employment centers.

All riders should check the schedule online to see how their commute could be affected. The September PDF schedule is available [here](#).

Caltrain is offering a promotion of [20% off of monthly pass prices](#), valid now through June 2023. For shuttle service, visit www.caltrain.com/shuttles. More details on BART service can be found at www.bart.gov.

Carrying passengers from San Francisco to Gilroy, Caltrain provides reliable, dependable and safe service for thousands of customers every day, transporting riders to job centers, neighborhood communities and special event sites throughout the San Francisco Peninsula.

The agency is in the final stages of its transformative [Electrification Project](#). The electrification of the Caltrain system will deliver major benefits to the communities that it serves. Electrification will reduce Caltrain's greenhouse gas emissions and eliminate the particulate matter caused by the aging diesel engines. Service will become more frequent and comfortable, as state-of-the-art electric trains replace the 30-year-old diesel fleet. Riders will be using the new electric trains by fall 2024.

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Hi Nick,

Thanks for reaching out! Yes, I'd be happy to reach out to our Santa Clara members. Could you tell us more about your involvement with the projects? Thanks!

Best,
Lori

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From: Nick Brosnahan <nbrosnahan@icloud.com>
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Hi,

I'm writing on behalf of the Bike Sunnyvale team (local for SVBC). We're hoping to talk to one of the Santa Clara County representatives (John Brazil, Diego Ortiz, or Nicole Rodia) about the Sunnyvale Undercrossing projects and other similar efforts elsewhere up the peninsula. Can anyone on the BATAAC forward this email to them so that we might get in contact?

Thanks,
Nick