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## NEWS

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### **Caltrain Seeks Representatives for Bicycle & Active Transportation Advisory Committee**

Caltrain is seeking four new representatives for its Bicycle & Active Transportation Advisory Committee (BATAAC), which serves as the primary venue to integrate the interests and perspectives of customers who use active transportation--bicycling, walking and other closely related modes--as their primary mode of access to the Caltrain system into the Caltrain planning processes.

The openings are for one member of the general public who rides Caltrain and either boards or alights from the train in San Francisco County and one from San Mateo County, as well as one member of a bicycle advocacy organization in San Francisco County and another from Santa Clara County.

The committee is comprised of nine volunteer members from San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. One member from each county is a public agency staff member responsible for planning and/or policy development related to active transportation, one is a member of a bicycle advocacy organization, and one is a member from the general public who uses active transportation to access Caltrain.

Applications are due by **Sunday, December 11**, and are available at [www.caltrain.com/bataac](http://www.caltrain.com/bataac) or by calling 650.508.6391.

The BATAAC currently meets on the third Thursday of every other month at 5:45 p.m. It is anticipated that meetings will be conducted in-person in 2023. All meetings are open to the public.

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### **Caltrain to Host Meetings on Potential Changes to Monthly Pass**

On Wednesday, November 9, Caltrain will host a virtual public meeting about Caltrain's [Monthly Pass](#), with a Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, November 21.

Currently, the monthly pass, which is exclusively available on a Clipper Card, is only valid for travel in the defined zones determined at purchase. Traveling outside of those zones requires a paper upgrade pass for each additional zone. The proposed change would allow pass holders to travel however many zones their pass allows, regardless of where they board, meaning a two-zone pass would allow someone to travel from Zone 1 to Zone 2, or from Zone 4 to Zone 5. Any additional zones traveled above the number of zones purchased would be subject to a zone upgrade charge at tap off and automatically charged to the customer's Clipper Card. Pass holders would also be required to tap on and off on every trip.

#### **Virtual Public Meeting**

Wednesday, November 9, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/3wQ0DCC>

Meeting ID: 221 815 826 639

Phone: US: +1 929 352 1591

#### **Public Hearing**

Monday, November 21, 2:30 p.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93388927360?pwd=SFJranR4KzVURGIZVW5VUXJMZGIxQT09>

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### **Michelle Bouchard Named Caltrain Executive Director**

The Caltrain Board of Directors has unanimously appointed Michelle Bouchard to serve as the first permanent Executive Director of the railroad. Bouchard has worked for Caltrain for more than 20 years and has been the Acting Executive Director since April 2021.

Bouchard has spent over 25 years in the transit industry, rising through the Caltrain ranks during the 2000s to eventually become Director of Rail Transportation, where she successfully managed all aspects of the procurement and transition of operations, maintenance and management services. During her tenure, the agency implemented key railroad systems, including the procurement, design and installation of a new rail operations control system. Her leadership was instrumental in completing operations and capital program planning in support of future blended High Speed Rail service on the Caltrain corridor that provided for the needed funding for electrification and the procurement of an electric train fleet. She also played a vital role in conceptualizing and implementing Caltrain's Baby Bullet service in the early 2000s, helping to lay the groundwork for the overwhelming ridership demand Caltrain experienced pre-pandemic.

In 2015, after a brief time at the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, Bouchard returned to Caltrain as Chief Operating Officer. In her second stint at the agency, she has overseen the implementation of Positive Train Control and the completion of the Caltrain Business Plan, and associated 2040 Service Vision Plan. Upon taking on the Acting Executive Director role, she has been overseeing the Electrification project, which will modernize Caltrain service starting in 2024. In 2018, she was recognized as one of Railway Journal's Women in Rail, in recognition of her transportation experience, leadership skills,

industry contributions, and involvement in community service.

“Michelle has been a dynamic and engaged leader for Caltrain,” said Caltrain Board Chair Steve Heminger. “She was the clear choice to lead the agency, and we have the utmost confidence that she will continue to improve the service and bring more people back to transit.”

“I want to thank the Board for their confidence in naming me Caltrain’s Executive Director to continue leading the agency where my public transportation career started,” said Bouchard. “We have many challenges before us; we need to continue to increase our ridership, finish the electrification of the system and work with our partner agencies and the communities we serve to continue to grow our service. I can’t wait to get to work.”

Bouchard holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Brown University and a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning from the London School of Economics.

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Thanks Lori, sounds good!

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Hi Joel,

Thank you for reaching out. Let me check on who would be the most appropriate person to follow up with you and I'll then connect you. Thanks!

Best,  
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Good morning all,

My name is Joel Shaffer, and I am the MTC project manager for the Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan. I hope that you or someone from your team is able to participate on the Working Group, as your local knowledge and feedback will be invaluable to the successful completion of the project.

In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. I am also happy to meet individually (via Zoom or in-person at your office!) for introductions and to provide additional information about the project.

I'm looking forward to working with you.

Best,

Joel

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Greetings Bay Trail Partners,

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is working to identify and evaluate missing segments of the San Francisco Bay Trail as part of the **Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan**. While partners have made steady progress completing over 350 miles of the Bay Trail, significant gaps remain. Through this planning effort, MTC will also evaluate gaps in trails that provide direct access to the Bay Trail.

The **Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan** will help MTC and its partners:

- expand trail access to Equity Priority Communities
- develop connections to parks and open space
- provide access to transit facilities and other active transportation infrastructure
- preserve the shoreline environment
- help adapt to climate change
- create a memorable and comfortable user experience

**We are inviting you to participate in the project's Working Group.** Your technical expertise, knowledge, and local connections will be invaluable as we identify and evaluate priorities for addressing all missing segments of the Bay Trail and connector trails. In addition, your feedback will help ensure that regional priorities are consistent with local planning and project development work and capitalize on opportunities to explore solutions to specific infrastructural needs. We plan to meet virtually three times to review and provide feedback on:

1. Existing Conditions
2. Prioritization Process
3. Prioritization Results and Conceptual Designs for priority gaps

During the first Working Group meeting, we expect to provide additional details on the Plan, answer any questions you may have, and then offer additional insights into the work that has taken place to date. We will also request your input on potential prioritization strategies and criteria.

To help us coordinate the logistics, we ask that you fill out the **DOODLE POLL** with your availability - **OR** - forward it to the appropriate staff at your organization so that they can attend.

We ask that you complete the poll **by October 14.**

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions, comments, inspiration, or if you'd like more specific information on the Plan.

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We are very much looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,  
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Hi Nick,

Thanks for reaching out! I'd be happy to chat with you about this. Let me check with the project team and I'll get back to you with some times. Thanks!

Best,  
Lori

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Hi Lori,

I've been helping Bike Sunnyvale (local group for SVBC) work on their policy advocacy for bike infrastructure with Ari Feinsmith. Now that he's transferring to Davis, he's asked me to step into his role.

We would like to talk with the Caltrain folks to get a better idea of how the Mary Ave and Sunnyvale Ave under-crossings will proceed. We're mostly interested in getting better bike infrastructure than the current plans show.

We would like to know how this project is likely to proceed and how the split between Caltrain and the city of Sunnyvale will work.

Seems like the BATAAC is the right place to start.

Thanks,

Nick

On Sep 7, 2022 at 22:53 -0700, Caltrain, Bac (@caltrain.com) <[baccaltrain@samtrans.com](mailto:baccaltrain@samtrans.com)>, wrote:

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

-----Original Message-----

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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