



Memorandum

Date: December 15, 2022

To: CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

From: Devon Ryan, Government and Community Affairs Officer

Re: Caltrain Electrification Project E-Update



Commuter Rail Coalition Summit

In November, we were honored to co-host the first Commuter Rail Coalition Summit in San Jose and welcome leaders in passenger rail from across the country to learn about Caltrain Electrification and the exciting rail projects happening in the Bay Area. Speakers and panel sessions at the event focused on increasing ridership, capital planning, inflation and funding challenges, and the future of commuter rail in the United States.

Watch the [video](#).

Caltrain Electrification Funding

On December 6, Caltrain submitted an application to the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Project Existing Projects Category for the full funding gap of the Caltrain Electrification Project of \$410 million. We are

incredibly grateful for all of the support from our city and county leaders, state and federal delegation, community groups, businesses, and other organizations throughout the corridor. We continue to encourage and appreciate support for this application. Award announcements are expected January 31, 2023.

Caltrain is also looking into federal funding sources. In addition to the potential sources involved in the appropriations process in Congress, we are also reviewing the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program (Fed-State Program) notice of funding opportunity that was just released.

View [Fed-State Program NOFO](#).



Holiday Train

On the weekend of December 3 and 4, the Holiday Train returned to our corridor bringing good tidings to families from San Francisco to the South Bay as part of its annual toy drive. The Holiday Train is a cherished tradition that encourages donation of new toys or books to local children in need. Caltrain partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program and The Salvation Army on toy donation. Visiting nine stations, the Holiday Train was decorated with more than 75,000 glittering lights and included bands, dancers, and holiday cheer. We are grateful to all of our families who came out to see this special train and are excited to be continuing the tradition of donating thousands of toys to make the season bright for our region's children.

[Learn more.](#)

December Temporary Schedule Change

Caltrain is temporarily [reducing its service levels](#) to accommodate electrification construction for a two-week period (December 5 to 18). On weekdays, the service will be reduced to 68 trains per day down from the current 104 trains per day, including the suspension of Baby Bullet service. Weekend train service is being replaced by bus service between Belmont and Mountain View. Train service will also end early on weeknights and weekends to accelerate work being performed on the entire railroad. This construction work includes signal cutover work at 16 grade crossings, requiring a 24/7 single-tracking window between Belmont and Mountain View. The December temporary schedule is available [here](#). For shuttle service,

please refer to www.caltrain.com/shuttles. We are communicating with riders and encouraging them to look at other available [transit options](#) during this period of construction. Regular service schedule will return on Dec 19.

[More details.](#)

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

JPB Board Meeting – January 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

For more details, and a full list of upcoming meetings, please visit Caltrain.com/Meetings.

PROGRESS REPORT:

The presentation on Caltrain Electrification progress presented at Caltrain’s December 1, 2022 Board Meeting is [available here](#).