

Safety Highlights

The Gilroy Garlic Festival annually attracts nearly 100,000 attendees. This year, the Garlic Festival’s organizers chartered a Caltrain six-car train appropriately referred to as the “Garlic Train,” to shuttle people to the event and ease traffic and parking congestion. This service provided a convenient and efficient transportation option to attend this local festive event.

The Garlic Festival provided their own volunteer Ambassadors to assist passengers at the San Jose Diridon Caltrain Station.



The Garlic Festival Ambassadors participated in safety awareness training and then a safety briefing prior to the assisting passengers to the train, as well as on the train to Gilroy. These Ambassadors were very helpful assisting passengers throughout the event. The Garlic Train’s first two passengers were at the station two hours before train departure in anticipation of riding the train. Safety at Caltrain is always a priority and part of good customer care and service.



Education

Rail Safety Presentations/Activities	City	Attendees
NorCal Rail Safety Team Meeting	Oakland	20



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Enforcement

Event	JULY 2016	YTD 2016	JULY 2015	YTD 2015
Felony and Misdemeanor Arrests (all)	16	141	11	57
Parking Citations	691	1783	331	1925
Traffic Citations	75	321	34	251
All Other Infraction Citations (including trespassing)	101	557	56	474
Ejections/Contacts: Train, Station, Right of Way	29	171	22	252
Proof-of-Payment Citations	63	499	239	1053
Crisis Interventions w/ Emergency Commitments	1	22	4	21
Total Calls For Police Service	801	5768	1046	6718

Significant Events

July 1 – July 31: Transit Police responded to seven reports of persons trespassing on the Caltrain right of way. In each instance, the person was cited and released.

July 1 – July 31: Transit Police responded to two reports of intoxicated individuals at various Caltrain stations. The persons were arrested and booked into county jail.

July 1 – July 31: Transit Police responded to one report of minor in possession of alcohol at the Palo Alto Caltrain Station. The person was cited and released.

July 1 – July 31: Transit Police conducted routine security checks at various Caltrain stations. As a result, four persons were arrested on outstanding misdemeanor warrants and were booked into county jail.

Bike Thefts:

- July 1 – July 31: Transit Police received 17 reports of bicycle thefts at various Caltrain stations. The largest number of thefts (seven) occurred at the Palo Alto Caltrain Station.

July 1 – July 31: Transit Police received one report of a stolen vehicle at the California Avenue Caltrain Station in Palo Alto and recovered one vehicle stolen at the San Jose Diridon Caltrain Station.

July 1 – July 31: Transit Police responded to three no-injury train/vehicle strikes. These cases are under investigation by Transit Police.

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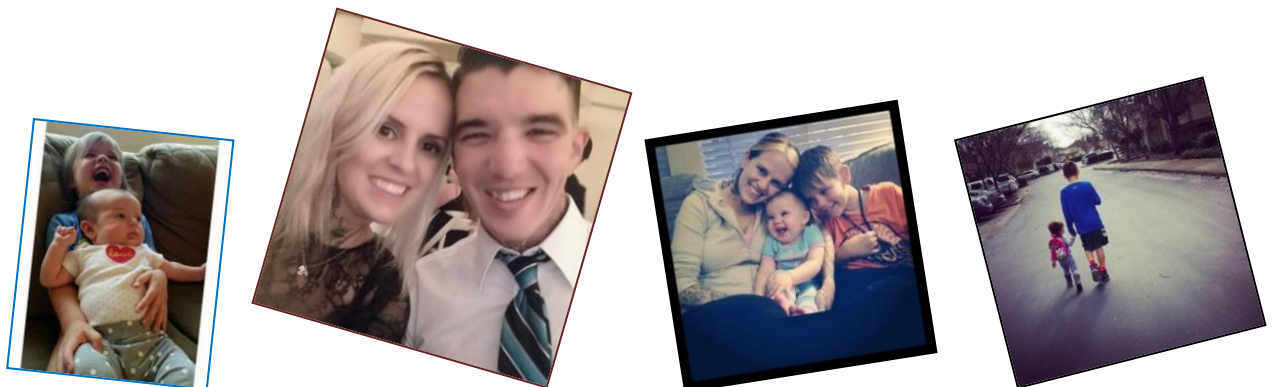
July 21: Transit Police responded to the California Avenue Caltrain Station in Palo Alto on a report of an adult male making suicidal statements. The individual was located, taken into protective custody, and transported to emergency psychiatric care.

Engineering

Two Quarterly Safety Meetings were held on July 10 at the Menlo Park Caltrain facility. The first session was held for the Night Crew (at 4 a.m.) and the second session was for the Day Crew (at 7 a.m.). Both sessions included multiple presentations, and one topic focused on Personal Safety and what that means to each individual. Below is an excerpt from that presentation (a special thanks to Safety Trainer **Lisa Nielson** & Gang Foreman **Marco Headrick** for sharing his story). This is just one example of the **real people** behind the scenes who are committed to keeping our railroad **SAFE** for our customers.



Everyone has a story, what will your story be? What is really important in your life?



- Marco is a foreman for a gang that does maintenance on the railroad. “I work with people that I trust and are very safety conscious, it is very important to all of us,” Marco said.

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- Marco said “I enjoy spending time with my wife and my girls and working in my garage”.
- Marco has life goals of seeing his children grow up to be happy and to see them keep an open mind for any and all new adventures.
- On a safety scale of 1-10 Marco says that he is an 8-9 “Because it is very easy to notice the obvious dangers around you and you adjust, but we come across potential hazards that we bring up to one another as we go at work. At home, I am in charge of setting the example for my family for the right and the wrong way to attack a problem.”
- Marco’s motivation to work safely? “Without safe work habits, you may not be able to continue to work. All of the goals that I have require me to have all my senses and my body parts to complete them. I REFUSE to consciously allow myself to misguide someone into danger by setting a bad work example. There is nothing better than seeing the next man thrive with you and that can be accomplished with great work habits!”

Maintenance of Way

- 22 Switches were ground, (this significantly increases the life of our switches)
- Installed 15 new Switch Ties at Control Point Mack



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- Installed 111 new Cross Ties at Control Point Shark in San Jose & South SF yard



- Fencing repairs at 6 different locations including this one at Millbrae Station



- Restored the embankment below the Guadalupe River Bridge in San Jose by placing new gravel bags and a small retaining wall to stabilize the hillside



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- Lowered the native logs and riprap down the embankment (railroad bridge deck sits on top of the wooden pilings above)



- At the bottom of the slope some native logs were placed near the river's edge with new riprap surrounding the logs

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Communications & Signal



- The Signal Department started the change out of 148 Intermediate signal markers' brackets along the right of way to coincide with the new mile post numbering that went into effect on July 10, 2016. New brackets had to be installed to fit all the numbers and dashes.

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Stations

- Added new mulch to several stations to add a little “pop” to the Landscaping

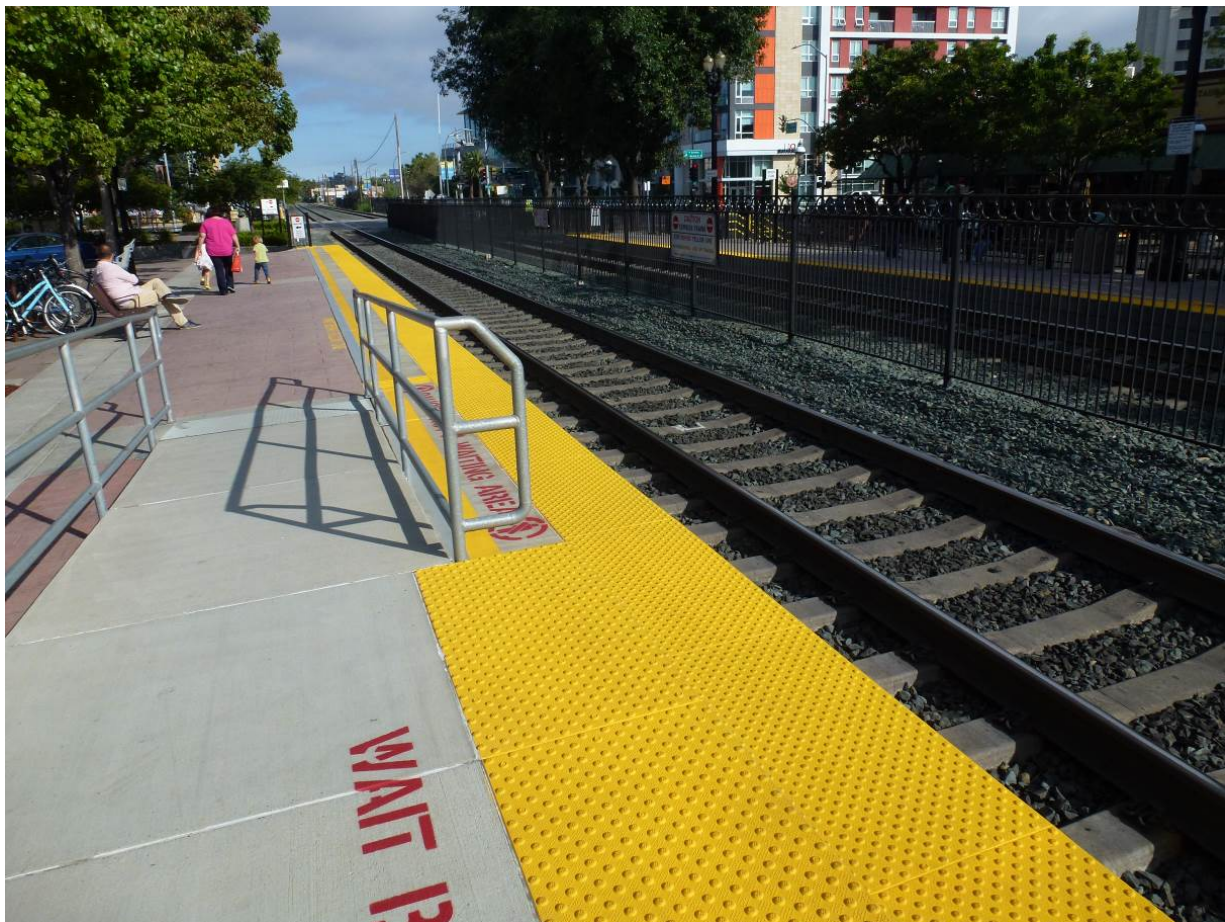


Broadway



Bayshore

- Focused on the Station of the Month **Redwood City**



Repainted the tactile tile & all of the platform markings

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All the light poles were repainted



Added new mulch throughout the station