Outfront Media Train and Station Advertising Contract Extension

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Contractor Overview

Outfront Media LLC

Caltrain Station Ads, Train Wraps

- Contract #13-PCJPB-S-021
- Award Date: Oct. 3, 2013 (Van Wagner, LLC)
- Effective Date: Nov. 15, 2013
- Expires: Nov. 14, 2023
- Compensation: MAG \$90k/year (\$7,500/month) or 60% net, 3% increase each year
- 22-23 Minimum Revenue:
 - \$117,429.64 /year
 - \$9,785.80 /month



Station Domination Media

Dominate the consumer landscape in San Francisco's only above ground rail station Station dominations transform commuters' daily ride into a total "brand experience," delivering multiple campaign messages. Product Information: > EXTERIOR: INTERIOR > 10 Double Sided Pennants > 1 Ticket Window Wall > 8 Four-sided Column Wraps > 6 Multi-sided Column Wraps > 1 Plaza Window Wall > 4 Interior Hanging Banners > 1 Ticket Window Wal Coverage > 4th & King Station 510.527.3350 / OUTFRONTMedia.com OUTFRONT 4th & King | Digital Displays Reaching over 62 Thousand of The Bay Area's most educated upscale and affluent Product Information transit audience daily, this 17 Screens | 56.3"H x 31.7"W 17 screen digital package > 14 Interior Screens demands attention in > 3 Exterior Screen: an otherwise hectic Spot Length | :15 commuter environment. > Loop Length | 2 min Advertisers | 8 individual ad Keep commuters actively > Hours | 24/7 engaged and informed Static/ Full-motion as they enter and exit the station or seek information on their scheduled trains Coverage > 4th & King Station

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Contract Management

Partnership Roles and Responsibilities

Caltrain Marketing staff works directly with Outfront to oversee their reservations, installation coordination and responds to any contractual issues.

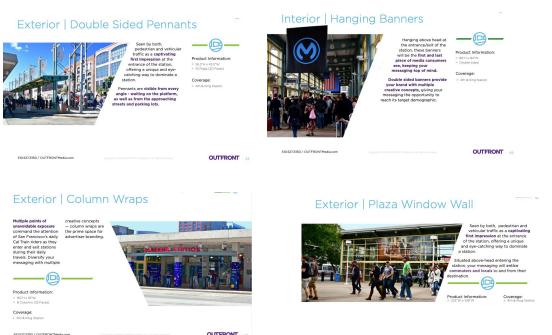
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- Outfront: Sell ads, design/production, installation, removal
- Marketing: Review ads (per policy*), track revenue, coordinate installation/removal w/ JPB Staff and TASI

*Advertising Policy: https://www.caltrain.com/media/1589/download

Caltrain Advertising webpage : <u>https://www.caltrain.com/about-caltrain/doing-business/advertising/train-wraps-station-ads-digital-displays</u>

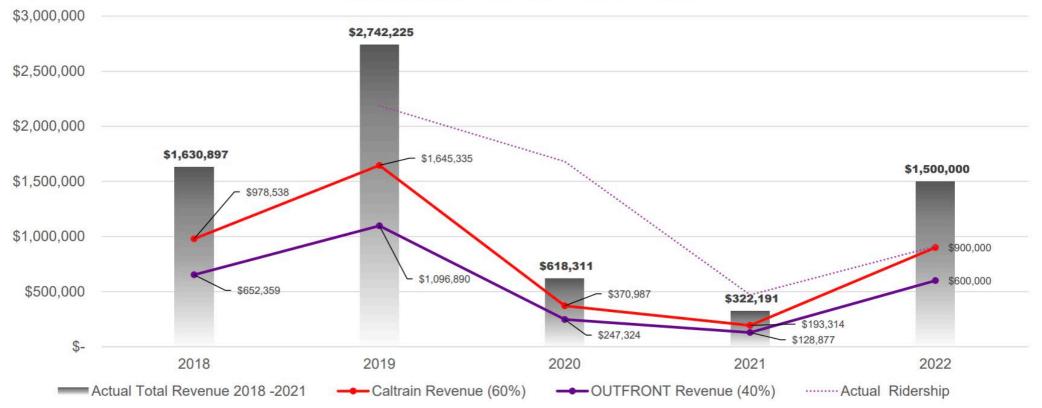








Actual Total Revenue 2018 - 2022





Compensation

Minimum Annual Guarantee (MAG) or 60% of net advertising revenues, whichever is higher.

Annual Revenue (2013-2023)

- 2013-2014: \$90,000
- 2014-2015: \$226,646
- 2015-2016: \$189,807
- 2016-2017: \$370,203
- 2017-2018: \$607,084 (Installed Digital Displays at 4th & King)
- 2018-2019: \$978,538
- 2019-2020: \$1,645,335
- 2020-2021: \$370,987 (Covid-19 Impact)
- 2021-2022: \$854,474 (Limited run, high-dollar ad buys)
- 2022-2023: \$134,545 (Market pull back from advertising campaigns)

Minimum Annual Guarantee Revenue Extension (2023-2026)

Extension Year 1: 2023-2024: MAG = \$120,952 Extension Year 2: 2024-2025: MAG = \$124,581 Extension Year 3: 2025-2026: MAG = \$128,319



Considerations and Market Trends

- Apples-to-apples comparisons with other transit agencies is difficult as advertiser spend is *highly* localized and dependent on total advertising capacity; the location of the advertising space; and each individual agency's ridership statistics.
- Caltrain has a unique situation as almost all advertising space is located at 4th and King, which has experienced a sharp decline in traffic.
- This decline is shared by other transit agencies advertising in downtown San Francisco (e.g., BART; MUNI experienced a reduction in advertising revenue of \$14.9M in FY 23 and \$14M in FY 24). Outfront is predicting that 2024 will experience a rebound in traffic.
- There is not a standard MAG; staff research revealed that other agencies deferred or waived their MAG during the pandemic (WMATA, LA Metro, MARTA, VTA, et al.) and experienced similar sharp declines in revenue.
- The current 60/40 revenue split from 2014 is favorable to Caltrain; Outfront now negotiates 50/50 revenue sharing as standard.



Summary

By extending the current advertising contract by three years:

- Caltrain can leverage Electrification increase in ridership for more favorable contract terms (18 months of post-electrification ridership starting in Sept 2024)
- San Francisco recovery will be stronger, a key advertising location for Caltrain



Recommendation

Staff recommends Board authorization to:

 Approve an amendment to the contract with Outfront Media LLC for train and station advertising services by extending the contract term by three years through November 14, 2026, and revising the compensation terms for services provided during this period.

Caltrain staff will re-write a new, comprehensive RFP inclusive of new potential advertising revenue streams (onboard, naming rights, etc.).



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