

**Bicycle and Active
Transportation Advisory
Committee**

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Caltrain Seeks Representatives for Bicycle & Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Caltrain is seeking two Caltrain riders to apply 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 planning processes. The openings are for a member of the public from Santa Clara County and a representative of a bicycle advocacy group from San Mateo 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 Thursday, November 30, and are available at www.caltrain.com/batac or by calling 650.508.6391.

The BATAAC meets every other month at 5:45 p.m. via Zoom. All meetings are open to the public.

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Caltrain Suspends Train Service Between Millbrae and Menlo Park this Weekend to Expedite Electrification Project

Caltrain will be [suspending its train service](#) between Millbrae and Menlo Park stations on the weekend of October 21-22 to accommodate Caltrain electrification construction and testing. Broadway, Burlingame, Hayward Park, Hillsdale, Belmont and San Carlos stations will not receive any service during this weekend.

Caltrain encourages riders to seek alternative transit options. Limited [bus bridge service](#) will be available to Caltrain-dependent riders traveling to or from Millbrae, San Mateo, Redwood City and Menlo Park stations, but passengers should expect delays and longer travel times. Passengers using other stations can take advantage of SamTrans [ECR](#) and [292](#), which can deliver them to stations being served by the bus bridge.

This will be the 22nd weekend in 2023 in which service will be adjusted to accommodate construction and testing for electrified service, which is expected to launch passenger service in fall 2024.

Crews will be working to complete the installation and testing of the Overhead Contact System (OCS). This year, Caltrain has erected all of the poles needed for the OCS, as well as 752,000 feet of wire.

Caltrain is running a public awareness campaign throughout the year to alert riders to potential service disruptions and provide information about the new and improved service that electrification will deliver.

Caltrain's historic electrification project is the first undertaking in North America in a generation in which diesel trains and their infrastructure components are transitioned to

an electrified system. The project will improve the customer experience by increasing the [number of trains](#), modernizing service and adding new safety elements. The new trains will feature on board displays with digital trip information, increased storage capacities, baby-changing tables, Wi-Fi and power outlets at every seat. Electrification will also help meet ambitious regional and state climate action goals by lowering greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality and relieving traffic congestion. Additionally, electrified service will advance equity along the corridor by reducing noise and air pollution while increasing access for priority equity communities. It will also set the framework for California's future High Speed Rail network that will run on the Caltrain corridor.

The proposed service plan for electrified service would see weekday peak hour trains cover 79 stations per hour, an increase from the current 66. Eleven stations would experience four train arrivals hourly per direction, a notable improvement from seven stations currently. Midday trains would cover 44 stations per hour, up from 34 today. Caltrain seeks [community feedback](#) throughout October 2023, with the final electrified service plan set to be finalized by year-end.

Caltrain recently began offering four new fare promotions, offering discounts for [families, groups, youth and hybrid workers](#). Additionally, parking at Caltrain stations is 50% off, costing only \$2.75 to park for the day.

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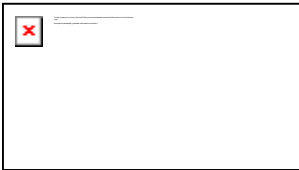
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Caltrain Unveils Electrified Service Vision for 2024

Caltrain's Board of Directors previewed the [proposed electrified service plan](#), including anticipated service benefits for the Electrification Project slated for completion by fall 2024, which includes faster trains; less wait time at stations; and a simplified schedule.

Proposed Service Improvements

- **Weekday Service:** Caltrain plans for 104 weekday trains, with four trains per hour per direction during peak times between San Francisco and San Jose.
 - The express trains are anticipated to be about an hour between San Francisco and San Jose, with significant expansion of the number of stations that receive express service.
 - Local trains would stop at every station and would reduce travel time from San Francisco to San Jose by 25 minutes compared to today's local schedule.
 - Both express and local options provide a compelling alternative to Highway 101 as road traffic escalates.
- **Weekend Service:** Subject to additional financial analysis and budget confirmation, Caltrain expects to offer service every 30 minutes, minimizing wait times for weekend customers and halving the wait time they currently experience.
- **South Santa Clara County Service:** The corridor south of Tamien Station in San Jose, which is owned by Union Pacific and is not included in the Electrification Project, will still be served by [four daily roundtrips](#) using diesel trains to maintain connectivity. There will be a seamless three-minute cross platform transfer at Diridon Station and overall, travel times will be substantially reduced to San Francisco and other mid-Peninsula destinations.

Performance Highlights and Passenger Benefits

- The new electric trains accelerate and decelerate more rapidly than the current diesel fleet, which is how Caltrain can achieve the proposed schedule with additional frequency and faster travel times.
- Weekday peak hour trains would cover 79 stations per hour, an increase from the current 66.
- Eleven stations would experience four train arrivals hourly per direction, a notable improvement from seven stations currently.
- Midday trains cover 44 stations per hour, up from 34 today.
- The new electric trains will bring a wide variety of customer experience benefits including Wi-Fi; electrical outlets at every fixed seat; spacious bathrooms with a baby changing table; a smoother and quieter ride; digital on-board trip information systems to clearly communicate information to passengers; and reduced noise and pollutants for riders and residents along the corridor.

Ridership Growth and Impact

Current ridership stands at approximately 500,000 trips monthly, with average weekday boardings surpassing 20,000 continuing to mark year-on-year growth. This ridership growth is even with two dozen weekend service shutdowns for the Electrification construction. With the proposed electrified service plan for fall 2024, reduced travel times and wait times are anticipated system-wide, boasting a 20% rise in overall stops and a 27% increase at stations serving Equity Priority Communities.

Public Engagement and Implementation

Caltrain seeks [community feedback](#) throughout October 2023, with the final electrified service plan set to be finalized by year-end. Early 2024 will continue with rigorous testing of the new electric trains and service plan, with full electrified service, using a new electrified schedule, set to roll out in September 2024.

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Caltrain Suspends Train Service Between San Francisco and Millbrae on Weekends to Expedite Electrification Project

Caltrain will be [suspending its service](#) between San Francisco and Millbrae Stations on the weekends of October 7-8 and 14-15 to accommodate Caltrain electrification construction and testing.

Caltrain encourages riders to seek alternative transit options. Limited [bus bridge service](#) will be available to Caltrain-dependent riders, but passengers should expect delays and longer travel times. In particular, travelers heading to Fleet Week on October 7-8 or to Chase Center either weekend should transfer to BART at Millbrae to see the festivities along the San Francisco waterfront. Travelers heading to the 49ers vs. Cowboys game at Levi's Stadium should take BART to Millbrae and transfer to Caltrain, then transfer to VTA light rail at Mountain View, or take BART to Milpitas Station and transfer to VTA Light Rail.

These will be the 20th and 21st of approximately 30 weekends in 2023 in which service will be adjusted to accommodate construction and testing for electrified service, which is expected to launch passenger service in fall 2024.

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trains will feature on board displays with digital trip information, increased storage capacities, baby-changing tables, Wi-Fi and power outlets at every seat. Electrification will also help meet ambitious regional and state climate action goals by lowering greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality and relieving traffic congestion. Additionally, electrified service will advance equity along the corridor by reducing noise and air pollution while increasing access for priority equity communities. It will also set the framework for California's future High Speed Rail network that will run on the Caltrain corridor.

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Caltrain Holds Second Public Tour for New Electric Trains

The new state-of-the-art vehicles will be put into service in Fall 2024

Caltrain is holding its second public tour of the agency's new electric train cars today. The new train cars will serve as the centerpiece of the transformative [Caltrain Electrification Project](#).

With over 4,400 RSVPs as of the morning of the event, this tour has attracted similarly large crowds to the [first event](#) held in San Jose on July 29. Attendees enjoyed food trucks, a live DJ and more as they awaited their opportunity to see the future of Caltrain for themselves. Tours begin at 10 a.m. after a brief program featuring State Senator Scott Weiner, State Assemblymember Phil Ting, State Assemblymember Diane Papan, San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board Vice Chair Supervisor Myrna Melgar, San Francisco Board of Supervisor Matt Dorsey, FTA Regional Administrator Ray Tellis, Caltrain Executive Director Michelle Bouchard and Caltrain Board of Directors Chair Jeff Gee as emcee.

The new high-performance trains will offer a better experience for Caltrain riders. The new vehicles offer enhanced amenities, including new digital onboard displays, power outlets at each forward-facing seat, a new seat color palette selected by the public, energy-efficient lighting, coat hooks, security cameras, and expanded storage under the cantilevered seats. They will also generate less noise than their diesel equivalent, making the trip more enjoyable both for riders and residents that live near Caltrain tracks.

"Caltrain electrification means shorter commutes, cleaner air and good-paying jobs in the Bay Area and beyond," **U.S. Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi** said. "It has been my privilege to help secure federal funding in the Congress to support Caltrain's electrification. This weekend's tour gives San Franciscans a chance to experience the future of this state-of-the-art service – and I join so many across the Bay Area looking forward to its historic launch next year."

"Electrifying our public transportation systems is one of the best steps we can take to fight climate change. Caltrain has led the nation in that effort, showing that we can shift to a cleaner

system while creating good-paying jobs and providing a quieter, more efficient service for riders,” said **U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein**.

“The Caltrain Electrification Project embodies our commitment to expand clean transportation to improve the health of our communities while creating good-paying jobs,” said **U.S. Senator Alex Padilla**. “I’m proud to have secured federal funding to bring this to the finish line so that commuters and visitors up and down the peninsula can enjoy faster, more frequent train service.”

“As San Francisco’s downtown continues to recover, with new businesses signing leases and workers returning to the office, it’s critical that our public transit continues to meet the needs of our region. Caltrain’s Electrification Project will be a major step forward, providing faster, more reliable service for people traveling between San Francisco and the peninsula,” said **San Francisco Mayor London Breed**. “I want to thank all our regional, state, and federal partners who have worked tirelessly to get us where we are today, and I’m excited to celebrate the completion of the project with everyone a year from now.”

“Passenger rail service began on the Peninsula corridor in 1863, and today, it’s exciting to see the American-built cars. Electrification modernizes this 150-year-old railroad, improving local air quality, offering faster service, and improving traffic flow in one of the most congested corridors in the country. This is the world-class, modern, and climate-friendly electric transit system that our innovative region deserves, and I’m very proud to have led the effort in Congress to electrify Caltrain,” said **U.S. Representative Anna Eshoo**.

“Congratulations to Caltrain as it gets closer and closer to completing its historic electrification project,” said **U.S. Representative Kevin Mullin**. “Once completed, riders will experience enhanced safety features, better service, and more amenities, while the region will experience improved air quality and lower greenhouse gas emissions. As a steadfast supporter of public transit and Caltrain during my Assembly tenure, I look forward continuing my support at the federal level and am excited for the new system to go live in 2024.”

“Congratulations to Caltrain on the addition of electric trains cars that will help reduce emissions, improve the efficiency of our public transportation in the Bay Area, and help us reach our climate goals,” said **U.S. Representative Ro Khanna**.

“It is great to celebrate another Caltrain milestone that will improve daily life for so many people in the Bay Area,” said **Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Chair of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation and Ranking Member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee**. “By increasing and improving passenger service along the rail corridor, the electrification of Caltrain helps decrease congestion on local highways. That, along with the savings from no longer using nonrenewable diesel fuel, will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help combat climate change.”

“The new all electric trains mark an incredibly exciting milestone for Caltrain,” said **State Senator Scott Weiner**. “I congratulate Caltrain on taking a bold step toward meeting its climate goals while continuing to foster regional connectivity with reliable service.”

“The Caltrain Electrification project is a historic undertaking. This project puts us on the cutting edge of modernizing public transit with climate-friendly transformations. By converting such a significant corridor to an electric system, Caltrain is not only pivoting away from diesel fuel, but also demonstrating to the nation that this type of change is possible” said **State Senator Aisha Wahab**.

“Caltrain electrification serves as an important tool to combat climate change, by providing cleaner and greener transportation options for residents and visitors alike,” said **State Senator John Laird**. “We must do all we can to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while still providing efficient and enjoyable public transit. Caltrain’s new high-performance electric trains do just that, and I am excited for the public to see these improvements.”

“Caltrain's Electrification Project will help California reach its climate goals while cutting down on freeway traffic and noise,” said **State Senator Dave Cortese**. “I was proud to support the 2023 Budget Act that prevented major transit service cuts and gave agencies the flexibility to invest in operations or capital projects. Caltrain is unveiling beautiful new electric trains that will help clean our air and move us all in the right direction.”

“It's clear clean and efficient transportation infrastructure is a top priority for the Bay Area and the rest of the state. The \$750 million in state funds for Caltrain Electrification and \$165 million for 37 Electric Rail Cars that I helped secure underscores California’s commitment to modernizing our rail system, while reducing our carbon footprint for generations to come. Great things are accomplished when state, regional, and local partnerships thrive,” said **State Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting**.

“Throughout my time in office I have been a strong supporter of Caltrain’s Electrification Project because of what it will mean for the city of San Francisco and the larger Bay Area,” said **State Assemblymember Matt Haney**. “The future of our region and our economy depends on our public transit, and electrification will not only help us meet our ambitious climate goals, but also provide faster and better service that people can rely on.”

“The electrification of Caltrain is a momentous achievement for California’s transit system,” said **State Assemblymember Alex Lee**. “I’m extremely excited for the electric fleet to begin service in 2024. With faster and greener trains, the fleet will benefit residents of my district while meeting California’s climate goals. I’m proud to see that the Caltrain Electrification project is bringing California’s first electrified commuter rail to reality, helping pave the way for more sustainable and equitable communities.”

“From steam to diesel to electric – we are now witnessing the third act of Caltrain,” said **State Assemblymember Diane Papan**. “Caltrain is now ready to meet the needs of riders and the region now and for future generations.”

“The Caltrain Electrification project means that Peninsula residents will breathe cleaner air and have both quieter communities and more frequent and reliable transit service,” said **State Assemblymember Marc Berman**. “Today, I’m pleased to celebrate a project that’s delivering infrastructure, clean energy and good jobs right through the heart of my district.”

“My colleagues and I fought hard to secure the necessary resources in the state budget to electrify Caltrain,” said **State Assemblymember Evan Low**. “It is exciting the public gets to tour our new electric trains which will play a vital role in reducing roadway congestion and providing fast, reliable and clean transportation in the Silicon Valley and greater Bay Area, as well as help protect our surrounding environment and improve the public’s health.”

“San Francisco has committed to ambitious carbon reduction goals in our climate action plan, and electrified Cal Train will play a vital role in making progress on those goals” said **San Francisco Supervisor Matt Dorsey**. “As we get denser, the need for high quality transportation will only grow, and Caltrain will be a huge part of creating complete, sustainable, and accessible communities.”

"We congratulate Caltrain on the arrival of the new electric train sets, and are proud to provide over \$40 million toward delivery of the full Caltrain Electrification Project," said **Transportation Authority Board Chair and San Francisco Supervisor Rafael Mandelman (District 8)**. "This project will help the Bay Area meet our climate and equitable access goals and also bring us one step closer to the future of fast, clean and reliable train service to downtown San Francisco via the Salesforce Transit Center and Portal rail extension project. These exciting investments will serve our Bay Area community for generations to come."

"With electrified Caltrain service about a year away, it is exciting to preview our new trains with our riders," said **Caltrain Board Chair Jeff Gee**. "While there is still a lot of work ahead of us, the vision of a greener, quieter and more efficient trains will soon be a reality."

"I am pleased to join Caltrain riders in touring the new electric trains that will soon be reducing Caltrain's emissions and carbon footprint, while increasing service for those riders," said **Ray Tellis, Regional Administrator for the Federal Transit Administration**. "FTA has enjoyed a strong partnership with Caltrain and remains committed in supporting this noteworthy electrification project through to completion."

"The future of Caltrain is just around the corner, and Muni riders in the area will benefit from the improvements," said **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Chair Amanda Eaken**. "Converting to electric power will make a major impact towards reducing Caltrain's air pollution and carbon footprint. These world class trains will make commuting by public transportation an easier choice and we're excited for San Franciscans to have more attractive options to get around sustainably."

"The unveiling of Caltrain's fleet of the future marks yet another important milestone in the electrification and modernization of this critical transit system connecting one of the world's most vital economic corridors," said **Jim Wunderman, President and CEO, Bay Area Council**. "The Bay Area Council is proud to have been an early and strong proponent for investing in Caltrain and we applaud the tremendous work Caltrain and so many have done to move this project forward."

"Electrified Caltrain is good for riders, the environment, and the economy," said **Rosanne Foust, President & CEO, San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA)**. "I know the public will be excited to see the vehicles that are transforming this essential commuter rail system."

"I'm very excited to see the debut of Caltrain's new electric trains. These electric trains will provide a cleaner, quieter, and more modern and reliable experience for riders throughout the region," said **Ahmad Thomas, CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group**. "A thriving public transit system is essential for advancing the business competitiveness of the region, and for fostering a future for Silicon Valley that is both more sustainable and equitable."

Electrification will also help meet ambitious regional and state climate action goals by lowering greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality and relieving traffic congestion. Additionally, electrified service will advance equity along the corridor by reducing noise and air pollution while increasing access for equity priority communities. It will also set the framework for California's future High Speed Rail network.

Each trainset will have seven cars, as opposed to the current five to six. The new trains also accelerate and decelerate faster than their diesel alternatives, allowing more frequent stops in the same amount of time.

These new trains will go into service in 2024, and is currently undergoing testing to ensure it, and the infrastructure it will rely upon, is in good working order.

The trains were built by Stadler US at their facility in Salt Lake City, Utah. After they were assembled, they were sent to a test facility in Pueblo, Colo. where they were tested at high speeds under numerous conditions as required by the Federal Railroad Administration. The trains were tested for braking, propulsion, ride quality, noise and vibration, door operation, Positive Train Control and Electromagnetic Interference over the course of eight months.

The Caltrain Electrification Project will electrify the corridor from the San Francisco Station at 4th and King Streets to approximately the Tamien Station in San Jose, allowing diesel-hauled trains to be replaced by electric trains.

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