



# Upcoming Vegetation Work

## San Mateo Replacement Parking Track Update

Thank you for your interest in the replacement parking track and neighborhood enhancement project that will be located between 10th and 14th Avenues on the Caltrain right-of-way along the railroad tracks.

### **Vegetation Work**

Vegetation work may begin as early as January 29, 2024, and will include the trimming and/or removal of trees inside the Caltrain right-of-way. This work is anticipated to take approximately two weeks and work hours will be from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please note the tree replacement plan outlined below. Thank you in advance for your patience, as the dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

### **Neighborhood Enhancements**

Community input in 2019 and 2020 gave important guidance to the project, and the following neighborhood enhancement elements will be implemented as part of the project:

- A 12 foot enhancement wall along Railroad Avenue between 10th and 14th Avenues will be built
- Once built, no vehicular access to the parking track will occur except at 9th Avenue, as the enhancement wall will block the current access at 10th and 14th Avenues
- Creeping fig vegetation will be planted along the enhancement wall
- Any trees removed for the enhancement wall will be replaced on a one-for-one basis. Every effort will be made to plant the replacement trees on the project site to the extent possible.

More construction information, including truck routes and work hours, will be shared with the community prior to construction, which is anticipated to begin in March 2024. For more information or to sign-up for the weekly construction notice visit [www.caltrain.com/SMParkingTrack](http://www.caltrain.com/SMParkingTrack). For questions about the project, please call 1-800-660-4287 or email [construction@caltrain.com](mailto:construction@caltrain.com).

### **Background Information**

The parking track project will replace the former San Mateo parking track that was removed to facilitate the construction of the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project that improved safety and traffic flow; separated the train tracks from the road at 25th Avenue; created two new east-west connections at 28th and 31st Avenues; and built a new Hillsdale Station to better serve the community.

A parking track is a temporary storage space for train equipment that allows for efficient use of limited work times at sites elsewhere along the tracks to keep the railroad functioning properly. The purpose of a parking track is only to temporarily park or store equipment. It will not be used as an active maintenance or construction site. The anticipated use of the San Mateo parking track is approximately once a month.

The former San Mateo Parking Track was in existence prior to Caltrain becoming the operator of passenger service. Previously located in the Bay Meadows area, it was used by Caltrain for 25 years until the grade separation project necessitated its removal. There are over a dozen parking tracks distributed in residential and commercial areas along the corridor. There is only one maintenance yard, which is a large 20 acre multi-acre complex operation and facility that is located in San Jose.



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