

JPB Board of Directors Meeting of December 5, 2024

Correspondence as of November 22, 2024

- <u>#</u> Subject
- 1. RE: LEAKING OLD CALTRAIN PASSENGER CAR
- 2. Fwd: Caltrain Notice: Construction, Installation and Maintenance
- 3. Re: San Antonio Ave Dan Bruno
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- 5. Invite to BART Silicon Valley Phase II Project and Design Update Meeting
- 6. Re: San Antonio Ave Dan Bruno
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- 8. Please send weekly construction update especially confirmed dates for night time and weekend construction. WE DID NOT RECEIVE.
- 9. FW: San Antonio Avenue in San Bruno *Staff Response*
- 10. TJPA ANNOUNCES NEW RESTAURANT, MODI, OPENING AT SALESFORCE TRANSIT CENTER IN DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO

From:	STACEY REYNOLDS-PETERSON
То:	Board (@caltrain.com)
Subject:	RE: LEAKING OLD CALTRAIN PASSENGER CAR
Date:	Sunday, November 17, 2024 1:35:22 PM
Attachments:	IMG 6009.MOV

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To whom it may concern:

I was out yesterday & saw something leaking from this old Caltrain Car next to Crescent Cove Parking lot & community garden.

These cars were supposed to be moved months ago! I don't what is leaking but I certainly would like it looked at & stopped. Attached is a video I took of the liquid dropping for your review.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Thank you, Stacey Reynolds-Peterson From: Sent: To: Subject: Anne de la Rosa <agdelarosa27@gmail.com> Sunday, November 17, 2024 2:42 PM Jason Baker; Board (@caltrain.com) Fwd: Caltrain Notice: Construction, Installation and Maintenance

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------ Forwarded message ------From: **Anne de la Rosa** <<u>agdelarosa27@gmail.com</u>> Date: Sun, Nov 17, 2024 at 2:38 PM Subject: Re: Caltrain Notice: Construction, Installation and Maintenance To: Navdeep Dhaliwal <<u>DhaliwalN@caltrain.com</u>>, Construction Caltrain <<u>construction@caltrain.com</u>>

No weekly construction notice was sent out yesterday and it would be nice if you'd send out the update about when the night work will take place. You stated 2 weeks ago that it would be his week. Neighbors were wondering why it hadn't happened. One neighbor went to her daughter's house. No correction had/has been sent about it being moved back by two weeks. I only heard because I reached out to you directly. If 24/7 work will be done for 7 days straight, the community has a right to know exactly when it will happen so they can maybe make arrangements to sleep elsewhere.

Anne de la Rosa

On Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 12:28 PM Anne de la Rosa <<u>agdelarosa27@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Would appreciate being given as much advance warning as possible so we can make arrangements to not be home a few of the nights

On Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 10:30 AM Navdeep Dhaliwal <<u>DhaliwalN@caltrain.com</u>> wrote: Hi Anne,

We just received news that the night work that was previously scheduled for 11/11 to 11/17 will now be delayed to a different week.

We will keep the community informed as soon as we are aware of the next date.

Thank you,

Navi Dhaliwal, MPPA Acting, Government and Community Affairs Manager <u>1250 San Carlos Ave San Carlos, CA 94070</u> Cell Phone: 650.730.6077 www.caltrain.com



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From: Anne de la Rosa <<u>agdelarosa27@gmail.com</u>>
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Timely manner means working at a time that is least disruptive. We don't necessarily care about the efficiency, that's to benefit you, not the community.

On Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 9:37 AM Navdeep Dhaliwal <<u>DhaliwalN@caltrain.com</u>> wrote: Anne,

Without information on what was shared, I am not sure what your neighbor has shared. If you can provide me with some additional details I am happy to look into it.

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My neighbor was told that they are going to attempt some sort of mitigation. Why haven't I been told?

On Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 9:31 AM Navdeep Dhaliwal <<u>DhaliwalN@caltrain.com</u>> wrote: Good Morning Anne, Confirming receipt of your email.

I appreciate you reaching out. The goal of this work is to ensure we can complete the project in a timely and efficient manner as a pathway to minimize disruption to the community. Nonetheless, I have shared your concerns with the project team.

I am happy to keep you apprised of the work or any major changes as an additional flag. As always, if you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

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Are we to understand that there will be construction work 24/7 for 7 days straight starting November 11th? When are we allowed to sleep? Can't there be a one or two day break in between? Again, we were told that this project wouldn't be an issue in a residential neighborhood. Hoping some of this work entails remediation. Would have appreciated an update from you by now since we are to only be going thru you. Anne de la Rosa

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Construction Caltrain** <<u>construction@caltrain.com</u>> Date: Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 6:29 PM Subject: Caltrain Notice: Construction, Installation and Maintenance To: <<u>agdelarosa27@gmail.com</u>>

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Caltrain Construction Weekly Notice

November 3 to November 9

Vegetation Work

In preparation for continued winter storms, as early as February 27, 2024, Caltrain may perform vegetation/tree work to ensure Caltrain can continue to provide safe and reliable train service. Work will take place Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 p.m. within the Caltrain right-of-way. Please note unintended schedule changes do occur and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We thank you in advance for your patience as these activities will help Caltrain continue to serve the community.

San Mateo Replacement Parking Track

Weekend/Night Work : N/A

Weekday Work:

From Monday November 4 to Friday November 8, crews will install gates, fencing, and the irrigation system, landscaping, and CMU work wall. Equipment will be present on

the road but will be arranged to ensure driveways remain accessible. Work hours are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Neighbors may experience noise during these times. Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

We apologize for any inconvenience while this important enhancement project is being constructed.

Upcoming Weekend and Night Work

During the week of November 11, Caltrain will be performing overnight construction work as part of the ongoing San Mateo Replacement Parking Track project. This work will take place in the Caltrain right-of-way between 9th and 14th Avenues.

The construction schedule is as follows:

- Monday, November 11 through Friday night, November 15: Crews will work overnight from 8:00PM to 6:00 AM each day, ending Saturday morning, November 16.
- Saturday night, November 16 through Sunday morning, November 17: Crews will work again from 8:00 PM Saturday night until 6:00 AM Sunday morning.

Neighbors may experience construction noise during these hours. Please note that the schedule is subject to change. We apologize for any inconvenience this project may cause and appreciate your understanding as we work to complete this important project.

About the San Mateo Replacement Parking Track Project

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 multiacre complex operation and facility that is located in San Jose.

For more information, visit our website at <u>caltrain.com/projects/san-mateo-</u> <u>replacement-parking-track</u>. If you have any questions, email us at <u>construction@caltrain.com</u>.

San Mateo 4th & 5th Avenues Grade Crossing Improvement Project.

Weekday Work:

On Tuesday, November 5th Caltrain crews will be setting up a new signal house at 5th Ave. To minimize disruption, this work will take place after regular train service hours, with an eastbound lane closure at 5th Ave starting at 1:00 a.m. and lasting until approximately 4:30 a.m. Flaggers will be onsite to help direct traffic.

For more information or to sign up for the weekly construction notice visit <u>caltrain.com/projects/2023-grade-crossing-improvement-projects</u>. For questions about the project, please call 1-800-660-4287. Our phone lines are open Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, and on weekends and holidays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Or email <u>construction@caltrain.com</u>.

About the Grade Crossing Improvement Project at 4th and 5th Avenues in San Mateo:

The Grade Crossings Improvement Project focus on significantly enhancing safety at the railroad grade crossing at 4th and 5th Avenues in San Mateo. These improvements are part of Caltrain's ongoing commitment to safety, carried out in collaboration with staff from the City, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and Caltrain, who together form a diagnostic team to address the specific needs of this location. The project will deliver several critical benefits, including the installation of four-quadrant gates to deter motorists from evading lowered crossing gate arms, vehicular presence detection, and implementing clear pavement markings to define the "keep clear zone" around the crossing to improve safety for pedestrian, bike, and car traffic. These targeted improvements aim to create safer, more efficient grade crossings for all users.

Visual Messaging Signs Project

Starting on May 13, Caltrain will begin construction to update the Visual Messaging Signs (VMS) at 22 selected Caltrain stations. The VMS plays a crucial role in communicating critical passenger information such as train arrivals, delays, and station/platform changes. Please note that construction will be conducted one station at the time, starting with Mountain View. Construction activities are anticipated to occur on the platform and are not anticipated to impact the community.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience as we work to improve the utility and experience for all Caltrain riders.

If you have any questions about train arrivals, delays and station/platform changes call us at our Customer Service phone number 1(800) 660-4287.

For more information about the project visit: <u>www.caltrain/projects/vsm</u> or email us at <u>construction@caltrain.com</u>.

About the Visual Messaging Signs Update Project

The current VMS signs and their components are obsolete, and the related software is no longer supported by vendors. The new signs will feature modern upgrades such as color capability, improved resolution, pixel density, enhanced maintainability, troubleshooting capabilities, back-office management, and modular replacement/repair features. These updates aim to enhance the utility and experience for Caltrain riders.

Stations that will receive the upgraded signs are SF, 22nd Street, Bayshore, San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Hayward Park, Hillsdale, Belmont, San Carlos, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, California Ave, San Antonio, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Lawrence, Santa Clara, Diridon, Tamien

Maintenance and Other Projects

Caltrain will perform routine maintenance at several locations next week. To avoid disruptions to service, the work will mainly take place Saturday through Friday from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. For more information about this type of work, click <u>here</u>, or call 650.660.4287.

San Francisco to San Jose

Crews will pressure wash and perform janitorial work at Caltrain stations between the San Francisco and Tamien stations.

Crews will weld and grind rail at various locations between the San Francisco and Tamien stations. The welding crew uses air compressors, gas-powered generators, small power tools, electric-arc welders and propane heaters. Neighbors may experience maintenance noise during this time. Crews will work as quietly as possible. Construction crews may be making repairs and replacing parts of a fence near the tracks and Jerrold Ave in San Francisco. Crews may also be installing fencing along Caltrain tracks near Paul Ave. and Gould St.

Brisbane to San Bruno

Crews will resurface rail between the Brisbane and San Bruno stations. Caltrain uses several different on-track, self-propelled machines to replace resurface rail, and neighbors may experience maintenance noise during this time. Crews will work as quietly as possible.

San Bruno to Burlingame

Crews will resurface rail between the San Bruno and Burlingame stations. Caltrain uses several different on-track, self-propelled machines to resurface rail, and neighbors may experience maintenance noise during this time. Crews will work as quietly as possible.

Burlingame to Mountain View

Crews will resurface rail between the San Bruno and Burlingame stations. Caltrain uses several different on-track, self-propelled machines to resurface rail, and neighbors may experience maintenance noise during this time. Crews will work as quietly as possible.

Construction crews may be removing and replacing fencing near the Redwood City and Menlo Park stations. A third-party project may have construction crews trimming trees in Redwood City near Main St and Pennsylvania Ave.

Mountain View to Santa Clara

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Construction crews may be making repairs and replacing parts of a fence near the tracks in Sunnyvale and Santa Clara. Work may also be done near the Mountain View station to repair and replace traffic poles.

Sunnyvale construction crews may be working on Fair Oaks Ave bridge over the Caltrain tracks.

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Sent:	Monday, November 18, 2024 5:44 PM
То:	Tim OBrien
Cc:	Jennifer Leaver; Lolo Villagomez; Lynn Molinari; Sarah Nabong; Board (@caltrain.com)
Subject:	Re: San Antonio Ave Dan Bruno

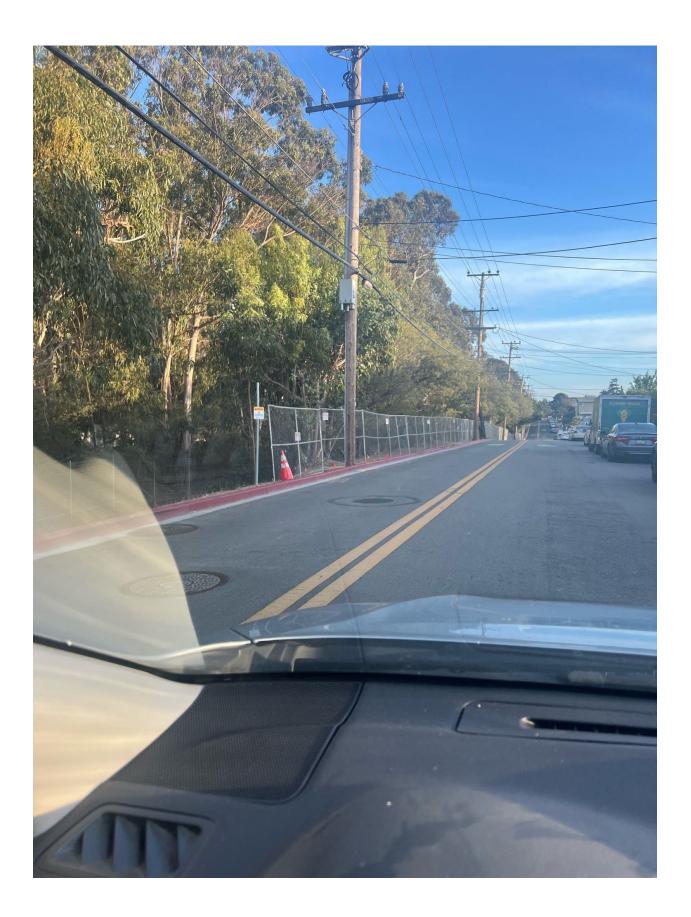
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From: Sent: To: Subject: VTA BART Phase II <vtabart@vtabsv.com> Tuesday, November 19, 2024 12:50 PM Board (@caltrain.com) Invite to BART Silicon Valley Phase II Project and Design Update Meeting

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Dear Valued Community Member,

Please join VTA in-person or virtually at its BART Silicon Valley Phase II Project and Design Update Meeting to receive a general project update, information on construction activities, the latest proposals for station designs, and future development plans for the station areas. We invite you to join, participate and connect with the Project team to ask questions and learn. Presentations at both meetings will be the same.

IN-PERSON MEETING

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 6 - 8 PM San José Chamber of Commerce 101 W Santa Clara St., San José, CA 95116 Light refreshments and activities for children will be available.

VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, December 2, 2024 6 – 7:30 PM

Zoom Registration Link: RSVP for Zoom Link

If you are planning to attend the in-person event by public transit, VTA Routes 22 and 23 are available nearby. If you are planning to drive, the nearest parking garage is on 45 N. Market St. Please visit <u>PARK SJ</u> to learn more about parking rates. Additionally, there is metered street parking.

If you are interested in attending either meeting, please RSVP in the form below and share your translation and interpretation needs by November 22, 2024.

RSVP HERE for the In-Person Meeting on December 4

RSVP HERE for the Virtual Meeting on December 2

We look forward to seeing you at the public meeting. If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at (408) 321-2345.

Thank you for your time, and we appreciate your ongoing commitment.

Thanks, BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project Team

Have a question for us about Phase II?

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То:	Marty Medina; Tim OBrien; Jennifer Leaver; Sarah Nabong; Board (@caltrain.com)
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The clarification of night and weekend construction for the San Mateo Set Out track has not gone out. We were told it would be this week, and it has apparently been delayed. No correction has been sent out to the public and we did not receive a weekly construction notice, again. Continuously frustrated by lack of consideration for the citizens that live right next to this long term construction project.

Anne de la Rosa agdelarosa27@gmail.com 650-346-3682 From: Robert Scarpino <scarpinor@caltrain.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2024 7:12 AM
To: Medina, Rico [rmedina@sanbruno.ca.gov] <rmedina@sanbruno.ca.gov>;
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<Fromsonc@caltrain.com>
Subject: San Antonio Avenue in San Bruno

Rico/Marty,

Good morning, I wanted to provide an update on some of the work Caltrain is doing to help with the illegal dumping along San Antonio Avenue (between San Felipe and Santa Helena) in San Bruno. As you may know, the Caltrain Board was notified on 9/4/24 of Illegal Dumping on our property and we responded accordingly. Obviously, we can't control dumping that occurs from the city street, but certainly we can restrict access, but this is only part of the problem. As I mentioned before, this issue has many tenacles and is not solely Caltrain responsibility. We shall partner with the city on identifying cost effective measures to safely address everyone's concerns, but we too have limited resources. I believe we have demonstrated a proactive approach and continue to work towards a common goal. Here is a list of items we have completed and items we are working on. They are as follows:

- Installed a LVT Camera Tower on our property to monitor anyone trespassing/dumping
 Completed by 09/20/24
- Review existing vegetation and trees with an Arborist Completed by 10/31/24
- Install a 6' temporary fence to restrict access to this area and additional No Trespassing Signs – Completed by 10/31/24 11/20/24
- Yesterday we served 48-hour notification per Caltrain Policy for Encampments found on our property and coordinated with the Sheriff Office Completed by 11/20/24 (see photo attached)
- Cleanup for the encampment Scheduled start 11/25/24

Develop a plan for the vegetation cleanup surrounding the parcel & survey the property between San Felipe and Santa Helena along San Antonio Road from the curb line east to our existing 8' fence - Completed by 11/30/24 12/31/24

• Develop a plan for a permanent Right of Way Fencing and work with utilities owners throughout this area - Completed by March 31, 2025

All work is contingent upon weather and resources availability. If we need to meet to discuss further, please let me know. thanks...

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TJPA ANNOUNCES NEW RESTAURANT, MODI, OPENING AT SALESFORCE TRANSIT CENTER IN DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, CA – The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA), owner and operator of the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center, today announced the opening of MODI, an inventive Mexican-Italian fusion restaurant, in the heart of the Transbay neighborhood. Serving as the first restaurant activation on the ground floor of Natoma Street between First and Second Streets, MODI, joins three other Center restaurants opened in 2023: Per Diem, Tycoon Kitchen, and Charleys Cheesesteak. MODI's grand opening is an illustration of the continued reinvigoration of Downtown San Francisco as workers, visitors and riders return; as well as a demonstration of TJPA's commitment to the neighborhood's economic vitality

and highlighting the important role tenant space activations are to San Francisco's downtown economy.

"MODI's grand opening complements the vision of the Salesforce Transit Center as a vibrant hub for culture and cuisine," **said Adam Van de Water, Executive Director of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA)**. "This beautiful full-service restaurant will not only provide an outstanding dining experience but also expand on the TJPA's commitment to fostering community connections and supporting local small businesses."

"As one of the City's unique open spaces, the Salesforce Transit Center is not only an iconic destination for residents, workers, and visitors to explore, but it is a place for bringing together the community through food and cultural exchange. So, it's exciting to see MODI adding to this dynamic space that serves thousands of people in San Francisco and from around the world," **said San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed.** "San Francisco's small businesses, along with its renowned restaurant scene, not only drive the city's economy—bringing in tens of millions of dollars and creating thousands of jobs—but also provide vibrant spaces for people to gather, dine, and have fun."

"I'm thrilled to welcome MODI to the thriving Transbay neighborhood," **said District Six Board of Supervisor Matt Dorsey.** "Their opening on pedestrian-friendly Natoma Street speaks to our city's resilience and commitment to revitalizing our neighborhoods and will boost economic activity and community connectivity along this pedestrian street. As we celebrate the grand opening of Modi, we are not just welcoming a new restaurant to our vibrant Downtown—we're embracing a culinary destination that showcases the rich flavors of Mexico and Italy. I encourage everyone to come enjoy the extraordinary dining experiences in the neighborhood and support our local businesses."

Nestled in the iconic Salesforce Transit Center at 88 Natoma Street, MODI boasts a contemporary design that reflects both Mexican and Italian aesthetics, providing a warm and inviting atmosphere for guests. The talented culinary team, led by Chef Marco Avila, has meticulously crafted a menu that features unique dishes such as Birria Lasagna, Pizza al Pastor, Risotto Milano Mexico, and Branzino Pesto Achiote expertly combining flavors and techniques from both cultures. In addition to high-quality service and supreme ingredients, MODI also features a cocktail menu that rivals San Francisco's best – paired with live entertainment that creates a blissful vibe.

MODI's opening comes at an important moment with San Francisco's Downtown resurgence, with neighborhood companies increasing the number of employees back to office work and the City actively leading the development of entertainment zones along with hosting music and entertainment events like "Downtown First Thursdays," where Second Street between Mission and Howard closes for a street celebration, bringing upwards of 10,000 people monthly since May 2024.

"We are excited to bring MODI to life in San Francisco," **said Dario Nicotra, founder and visionary of MODI.** "Through MODI, similar to our restaurant, Acquolina's impact to the North Beach neighborhood for close to 10 years, our mission is not just to serve innovative food, but also to create a space where the community can come together, enjoy exceptional meals, and celebrate diverse flavors. MODI goes beyond the concept of a restaurant; it is a space where cultural fusion is celebrated, and life at work and beyond work is embraced. San Francisco and the Transbay terminal are the perfect location for it. We're thrilled to be part of downtown San Francisco's vibrant return, by offering a unique fusion of Italian and Mexican cuisines in an ambiance inspired by both the Mediterranean and Yucatán Rivieras. The strength of MODI also lies in a team driven by genuine passion and energy, with Davide Tringali and Matteo Avallone partnering, ensuring an exceptional experience for every guest. We greatly appreciate the TJPA's partnership and support along with the City's assistance to successfully open our second SF restaurant."

This restaurant is the second of owner Dario Nicotra and Chef Marco Avila's in San Francisco (joined by Acquolina in North Beach and the Italian-Japanese fusion, Ciaorigato coming soon to Union Square). MODI is a completely new build-out of the 2,073-squarefoot restaurant that began in 2019, making it the first restaurant to open on Natoma Street within the iconic Salesforce Transit Center. MODI will be open daily (except Sundays) from 11 am to 10 pm providing lunch and dinner with a plan to offer brunch in the future. It also plans to add to San Francisco's diverse night-time scene by featuring live entertainment in the outdoor patio.

MODI joins 12 other tenants providing dining and services at the Center, including dining establishments within the Shaw Alley corridor: Per Diem, Tycoon Kitchen, and Venga Empanadas. Over 70% of the nearly 100,000 square footage of the Transit Center's retail space is leased; in addition to the dining spaces, wellness services are found on the Center's second level, which includes Onsite Dental, Kaiser Care Essentials, Spring Fertility, and Fitness SF. Additional establishments expected to open at the Center include Dim Baos and Juice Bar, along with a second Barebottle Brewing location in the Transit Center's Grand Hall. For a directory of the Center's retail services, visit https://www.tjpa.org/salesforce-transit-center/retail-directory.

For more information about MODI and to see their drinks and food offerings, visit <u>https://www.sfmodi.com/</u>.

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About the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA)

The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) is charged with delivering the Transbay Program, a visionary transportation and housing project that has transformed downtown San Francisco and the Bay Area's regional transportation system by creating a world- class transportation hub in the heart of the Transbay neighborhood. The TJPA has completed two of the three components of the Program by replacing the former Transbay Terminal at First and Mission streets in San Francisco with a modern regional transit hub, the Salesforce Transit Center, that currently connects nine Bay Area transit systems and creating a transit-oriented neighborhood with new residents, shops and open-space.

The TJPA is working to complete the Program by delivering the third and final component of the Program, The Portal, also known as the Downtown Rail Extension, which will extend Caltrain and ultimately, California High-Speed Rail service from 4th and King streets to the Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. As the owner and operator of the multimodal Transit Center, the TJPA manages the 5.4-acre public Salesforce Park, found on the Transit Center's rooftop and partners with the East Cut Community Benefit District to provide free Park activities and events throughout the year. The name of the Salesforce Transit Center and Salesforce Park is the result of a naming rights agreement with salesforce.com that helps fund the Center's operating costs.







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