

Memorandum

Date: June 27, 2017
To: CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)
From: Michael Burns, CalMod Chief Officer
Re: Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Update

Construction Update

As discussed at the last meeting, execution of the FFGA grant occurred on May 22. Full Notice to Proceed has now been issued to both the electric train manufacturer, Stadler Inc., and the infrastructure contractor, Balfour Beatty, which means construction on the project will now begin.



Construction will begin in Segments 2 and 4 (see map). Crews will start at the northern end of these segments and proceed south, with South San Francisco and San Bruno being the first cities to see activities occur. Caltrain will mail the below construction notice to residents adjacent to the railroad right-of-way prior to work in each area. Caltrain will also hold community meetings in cities throughout the corridor prior to the start of construction activities.

The anticipated activities during this time include locating underground utilities, testing soil conditions, inspecting signal/communication equipment, and tree trimming/removal. After tree trimming/removal is complete, crews will begin work on the pole foundations for the overhead contact system. Work will take place during the day and at night with night work occurring between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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Dear Caltrain Neighbor:

Over the next three months, Caltrain will be performing work on the railroad corridor in your area to improve Caltrain service as part of the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project. The anticipated activities during this time include locating underground utilities, testing soil conditions, inspecting signal/communication equipment, and tree trimming/removal to prepare the corridor for the installation and operation of modernized transit service. After tree trimming/removal occurs, crews will begin work on the foundations for the overhead contact system.

Work will take place during the day and at night. Night activities will occur between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. To mitigate noise and other impacts during nighttime activities, the field team will utilize acoustical barrier blankets, and will position lights away from residential, roadways, and business areas.

The electrification project will allow Caltrain to operate quieter, cleaner, more frequent and/or faster train service to more riders. Increased capacity and improved service will help Caltrain meet the increasing ridership demand and alleviate regional traffic congestion. The new electric trains are scheduled to be operational in 2021.

We apologize for any inconvenience you might experience while we work to deliver these critical benefits to our communities. Please visit our website at www.caltrain.com/PCEP for weekly construction notice updates. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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Estimado Vecino de Caltrain,

Durante los próximos tres meses, Caltrain estará trabajando en el corredor del ferrocarril en su área para mejorar el servicio de Caltrain durante este tiempo incluyen localización de instalaciones subterráneas, probando las condiciones de la tierra, inspección de herramientas de señal/ comunicación, y corte/ extracción de árboles para preparar el corredor para la instalación y operación del servicio de transporte modernizado. Después del corte/ extracción de árboles, equipos comenzarán a trabajar en las bases para el sistema aereo de contacto.

Los trabajos llevarán a cabo durante el día y la noche. Actividades de noche se ocurrirán entre las 8:00 p.m. y las 6:00 a.m. Nos disculpamos por cualquier inconveniente que esto pueda causar. Para mitigar el ruido y otros impactos durante las actividades de noche, el equipo utilizará mantas de barreras acústicas y colocará luces alejadas de casas y áreas residenciales y de negocios.

El proyecto de electrificación permitirá que Caltrain opere más silencioso, más limpio, más frecuente, más rápido, y con servicio a más usuarios del tren. Mayor capacidad y mejor servicio ayudará a Caltrain a satisfacer la creciente demanda de servir más pasajeros y aliviar la congestión de tráfico regional. Los nuevos trenes eléctricos están programados para operar en el 2021.

Nos disculpamos por las molestias que pueden sufrir mientras trabajamos para entregar estos beneficios críticos a nuestras comunidades.

Por favor visite nuestro sitio web en www.caltrain.com/PCEP para avisos semanales de construcción. Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión.

Groundbreaking Press Conference

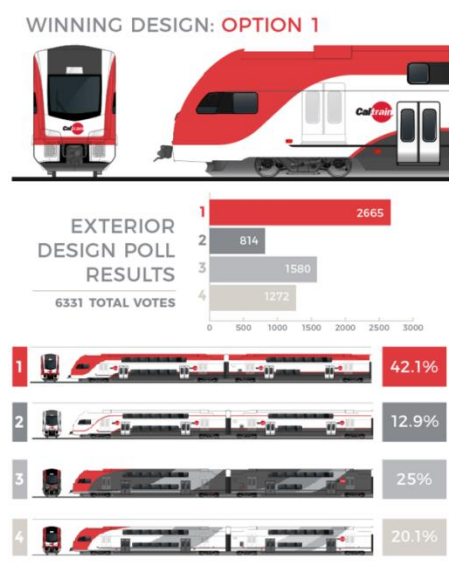
A groundbreaking press conference will be held on July 21 at the Millbrae Caltrain Station at 10:30 a.m. City mayors, council members, and CSCG staff are invited to attend this celebratory event. Save the dates will be sent this week with an invitation shortly after.

City Design Review Meetings

Caltrain is meeting with cities where 65% OCS pole design is complete. Currently, this includes cities in the northern ends of Segments 2 and 4 (see above map).

Electric Train Exterior

In a recent survey, riders were asked for their opinion about what the exterior of the new high-performance electric trains should look like. Approximately 6,331 total votes were cast between May 12 and May 19. Of those votes, 42.1 percent of the participants chose Option 1 (shown below). The train builder is now moving forward with Option 1 as the exterior.



The electric train microsite provides a critical avenue for public feedback on important design features. The microsite will feature polls on the seats and bike storage later this summer. The website can be accessed at www.calmodtrains.com.