

# Rail Bridge Installation & Temporary Vehicle Height Restriction

Dear Caltrain Neighbor,

As San Mateo's 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project progresses toward its goals to improve safety, and reduce traffic congestion and train horn noise, there will be temporary impacts to two intersections on E. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the coming weeks.

To prepare drivers of large vehicles for the temporary height clearance required once the rail bridge at E. 25th Avenue is installed, **overhead clearance bars will be placed on site as soon as July 8** at E. 25th Avenue/S. Delaware Street and E. 25th Avenue/Palm Avenue (see map on back). The clearance bars will be at 13 feet 10 inches, the clearance height needed at the new rail bridge before E. 25th Avenue is lowered permanently. The overhead bars allow large vehicle operators an opportunity to test for clearance or make other route plans during this temporary stage.

## **Construction Activity**

**The rail bridge installation is anticipated to occur the nights of July 19 and July 20, 2019. Construction times are tentatively 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.** This necessary stage of the project will involve a crane (expect back-up alarms) and temporary lane closures during construction hours on E. 25th Avenue. Signage and flaggers will allow for bi-directional traffic. Once the rail bridge is installed, regular two-lane traffic on E. 25th Avenue will return; however, the temporary height restriction will continue through fall/winter 2020, until the street is lowered as part of the latter stage of the Project. Please note unintended schedule changes do occur, and we thank you in advance for your patience.

## **About the 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation Project**

Caltrain, in cooperation with the City of San Mateo, is improving safety, traffic flow, and reducing train horn noise in the City. The Project is focused on improving traffic flow on three roads: 1) On 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Project will raise the tracks and slightly lower the road at E. 25th Avenue & S. Delaware to separate the trains and tracks from the street and sidewalk; 2) On E. 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Project will create a new east-west through street; and 3) On E. 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue, the Project will create a new east-west through street. The Project is also installing a new elevated Hillsdale Station with updated amenities.

## **How to Stay Informed**

Caltrain offers a weekly notice for those interested in the latest construction activities. To sign-up for the weekly construction notice or for more information visit [www.caltrain.com/25thgs](http://www.caltrain.com/25thgs). For questions about the project, please call the Caltrain Construction Hotline at 650.508.7726 or email [SMGradeSep@caltrain.com](mailto:SMGradeSep@caltrain.com).

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Map of temporary clearance bar locations and example of a clearance bar. Please see other side for more information.

