

Los Gatos Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Purpose & Need

Caltrain is preparing to replace the railroad bridge crossing at Los Gatos Creek in San Jose. The current bridge was built in 1935, and in order to maintain safe rail operations and meet current seismic safety standards, the bridge must be replaced.

The project will also include installation of a tail track to preserve rail service during the construction period. Following completion of construction, the tail track would be retained to improve operations at nearby San Jose Diridon Station and along the Caltrain rail line.



Bridge Design

The new bridge will be a pre-stressed/pre-cast concrete bridge with new foundations and a new widened bridge deck. Box girders will support three spans, each totaling approximately 175 feet long and 35 feet wide.

Coordination with City of San Jose

Caltrain is coordinating with the San Jose Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department to minimize any impact on the City's planned trail extension. Caltrain understands and is supportive of the vital connection to the San Jose Diridon Station and Downtown San Jose that the City's planned trail extension will provide.

Community Impacts During Construction

Work to replace the bridge is scheduled to start in November 2016 and is expected to last two years. To avoid impacting rail operations, some construction will take place during nights and weekends. The Los Gatos Creek bike and pedestrian trail will remain open during and after construction. Due to the nature of the construction, there will be temporary, localized noise impacts due to site clearing and construction activities.

Environmental Impacts

Construction of the bridge has the potential to temporarily impact the creek and vegetation. Caltrain will continue to make efforts to mitigate environmental impacts to the area. After construction, creek restoration efforts will be performed. The Los Gatos Creek Bridge Replacement Project has received National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance.

Public Involvement

Caltrain will be communicating with residents, businesses and other interested members of the public to discuss the project in more detail. Stakeholders will be provided with various opportunities to engage the project team and provide feedback prior to key milestones during the environmental review, design and construction phases.

Schedule

- Construction: November 2016 – March 2018
- Site Clearing and Preparation: November 2016 – May 2017
- In-Creek Construction: June – October 2017

For more information on the project, please visit www.caltrain.com/losgatos or email lgcbridge@caltrain.com



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