Hillsdale Station Temporary Closure Update
Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee
November 21, 2019

25th Ave. Grade Separation Project Description
Project Overview

Project Need

- 92 Caltrain trains each weekday use the crossing + additional freight
- No. 8 on California Public Utilities Commission railroad crossing safety priority list
- Lack of grade separation increases delays along corridor

Project Elements

- Grade separation (elevated rail, lowered road) at 25th Avenue
- New grade separated, east-west connections at 28th and 31st Avenues
- Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall: approx. 1 mile
- Bridges: 5
- Relocated Set-Out Track
- New Hillsdale Station with updated amenities

Elevated Track
Project Benefits

- Improved cyclist, pedestrian, and motorist safety
- Safe rail operations
- Improved traffic flow
- Enhanced east-west connectivity
- Improved customer experience with new station (center boarding platform)
- Reduced train horn noise
- Support Caltrain electrification

Construction Occurring

Timelapse of bridge installation [https://www.instagram.com/p/B5YGIUHo45/](https://www.instagram.com/p/B5YGIUHo45/)
General Project Outreach

- Dedicated Web Section
  www.caltrain.com/25thGS
- Weekly Updates
- Construction Notices
- Social Media
- Public Meetings: At regular intervals and major milestones

Temporary
Hillsdale Station Closure
# Schedule

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## Construction Activities During Closure

**Build New Station at 28th Avenue**

- Track Cut-Over
- Signal Testing
- Build 28th Avenue
  - New lowered road
  - Access to new station
- Build Parking Lots
Hillsdale Train Service to Belmont Station

During the temporary Hillsdale Station closure:

- Caltrain passenger service will continue (63,000 daily riders)
- All Hillsdale trains (including bullets) will move to Belmont
- Belmont Station selected for:
  - Operational efficiency (limit system-wide delays)
  - Existing transit connections and street network near/around station
  - Proximity to Hillsdale Station: 1.7 miles
  - Accessible by all modes
  - Comparable parking to today’s Hillsdale Station

*San Mateo Station will continue to also receive baby bullet service

Belmont & Hillsdale Connections: Survey

Rider survey to help refine rider access plans

- Conducted at Hillsdale Station: July 24, 2019
- Online survey link distributed to riders boarding and exiting trains between 5:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.
- Ambassadors at every entrance/exit
- 900+ responses as of July 26, 2019
- Results being examined, along with other feedback (emails, community meetings, virtual town hall, etc.)
Belmont & Hillsdale: Bike Access

- Distance between stations: 1.7 mi
- Bike travel time between stations: 8 min

Hillsdale Station & Bikes During Closure

Current Bicycle Parking at Hillsdale Station
- 18 bike racks
- 12 e-lockers

During Temporary Closure at Hillsdale Station
- Looking at expanding bike parking at San Mateo Station
Belmont Station & Bikes

Current Bicycle Parking
- 18 bike racks (same as at Hillsdale)
- 24 keyed lockers

Improvements being evaluated during closure
- E-lockers

Rider Information

At Stations (winter 2020)
- Electronic signs at platforms
- A-frames, info boards, and banner at Hillsdale Station
- Windshield drops in Hillsdale and Belmont Station parking lots
- Ambassadors leading up to closure and during start of closure

On the Train
- Seat drops
- Conductor announcements
Closure Information: In the Community

- Regular Communication to electeds and organizations (ongoing)
- Community meeting (in-person and online): 1.5 months prior to closure
- Notices: Weekly Construction Notice, Mailers (before key milestones), distribution list updates

Stay Informed

- Distribution list sign up & general station closure information
  www.caltrain.com/HillsdaleTemp Closure
- Station Specific Webpage Alerts (Hillsdale & Belmont Stations)
- Follow us on
  - Twitter: @Caltrain
  - FB: /Caltrain
Station Improvements Renderings

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