Overview
Located along Caltrain line

- In the City of San Jose
- Bounded by Park Avenue to the north and I-280 to the south
Los Gatos Creek Bridge

- Owned by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
- Exceeded its Life Expectancy
  - Built in 1935
  - Does not meet existing State and Federal seismic safety standards
  - Has structural deficiencies
  - Southern timber span was damaged by fire
Operational Limitations

- 34 Caltrain trains each day use the bridge to travel to and from Tamien and Gilroy
- Existing bridge does not support planned service expansions at San Jose Diridon Station, including electrification
- Lack of a siding increases delays along corridor
Project Description
Project Elements

• Demolish existing bridge

• Replace existing bridge with a new bridge
  ▪ Will meet current safety and seismic codes
  ▪ Will include a tail track extending south from San Jose Diridon Station for improved rail operations

• Maintain rail operations throughout construction
Project Elements

LOS GATOS CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT / SOUTH TERMINAL PHASE III PROJECT

POTENTIAL LAYDOWN AREA

POTENTIAL STAGING AREA

PROPOSED BRIDGE

LEGEND

JPB RIGHT-OF-WAY
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY
LOS GATOS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION LIMITS
Environmental Process
Project Funding

Funding (in millions)

- Total cost: $21.2 million
- Approximately 80 percent federally funded
Environmental Review Process

- **NEPA**
  Federal Transit Administration Lead Agency

- **CEQA**
  Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board / Caltrain Lead Agency

- Includes analysis of existing conditions and potential impacts (short-term and long-term) and strategies to address the impacts
Existing Environmental Conditions

- Residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational land uses
Existing Environmental Conditions

- Los Gatos Creek is a regulated Water of the U.S.
- Los Gatos Creek contains habitat for some threatened and endangered species:
  - California red-legged frog
  - Central Valley Chinook salmon
  - Central California Coast steelhead
- Existing noise and vibration from passenger and freight rail operations across the bridge
Potential Impacts during Construction

Noise and Vibration Impacts:

• Temporary: **Only** during construction

• Coordination with City of San Jose regarding permissible hours of construction

• Construction equipment selected to ensure noise and vibration impact thresholds are not exceeded
Potential Impacts during Construction

Creek and Habitat Impacts:

- Construction activities have the potential to impact the creek and its habitat
  - Los Gatos Creek is a corridor for fish which spawn upstream of the project area
- Construction staging plan will avoid and minimize impacts
Project Construction
Construction Sequence

- **Creek Access:**
  - Limited to July through October (window)
  - Requires special measures to protect creek habitat and species

- **Construction:**
  - Will take two seasons
  - Perform work in creek during window
  - Other work outside window
Construction Schedule

- Two-year construction project
- Work (outside creek bed) begins winter of 2015
- Remove and replace half the bridge during summer of 2015
- Minor site work and maintain site Oct 2015 to June 2016
- Complete the bridge work during summer of 2016
- Final track work and site work fall 2016
Work Hours

- Work will take place Monday to Friday during the day
- Some work will be required at night or on weekends
- JPB will notify community well in advance of any night time or potentially impact full activities
Project Benefits

- Safe rail operations
- Improved operations at the San Jose Diridon Station
- Fewer system-wide delays
- Facilitate Caltrain electrification which will reduce noise and vibration
Community Outreach
Public Review Period

Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration available for review

- Download from www.caltrain.com/losgatos
- Hard copy available at Santa Clara County Clerk’s office:
  70 West Hedding Street, E. Wing, 1st Floor, San Jose, CA 95110
- Email Hilda Lafebre at lafebreh@samtrans.com


Submit comments to Hilda Lafebre, Caltrain:

- Postal Mail: P.O. Box 3006, San Carlos, CA 94070-1306
- Email: lafebreh@samtrans.com
Public Outreach & Community Engagement

- Dedicated Web page: [www.caltrain.com/losgatos](http://www.caltrain.com/losgatos)
- Construction Outreach Hotline: 650.508.7726
- Regular Updates and Public Meetings
  - Pre-construction and during construction
  - Tied to critical milestones/project decisions
  - Mail/Email/Website
  - Outreach to relevant community organizations
Construction Notices

Los Gatos Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Caltrain Neighbor:

Please join us for a community meeting regarding the Los Gatos Creek Bridge Replacement/South Terminal Phase III Project. The Los Gatos Creek railroad bridge, located over Los Gatos Creek just south of Caltrain’s San Jose Diridon Station, was built in 1935. Caltrain, in cooperation with the City of San Jose, is preparing to replace the bridge in order to maintain safe rail operations and meet current seismic safety standards.

This meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013 at the following locations:

Gardner Community Center
520 W. Virginia St.
Multipurpose Room
San Jose, CA 95125

The meeting will include a presentation and opportunities for discussion, as well as community feedback regarding the project scope and tentative construction schedule.

For any questions, please contact the Caltrain Office of Public Affairs Construction Office at 650.508.7726. Additional information can also be found at www.caltrain.com/losge.

Proyecto de Reconstrucción del Puente Los Gatos Creek

Estimado Vecino del Corredor de Caltrain:

Le invitamos a la reunión del proyecto de reconstrucción del Puente Los Gatos Creek y la Tercera Fase del Proyecto Terminal del Sur de Caltrain. Este puente ferroviario fue construido en 1935 y atraviesa el arroyo Los Gatos al sur de la estación Diridon de Caltrain en San José. Caltrain, con la cooperación de la ciudad de San José, está planeando la reconstrucción de este puente con el objetivo de mantener la seguridad de las operaciones de los trenes y la vecindad y además cumplir con las regulaciones de tipo sísmicas.

La reunión tendrá lugar el día Martes, 17 de Septiembre a las 7 pm en la siguiente localidad:

Gardner Community Center
520 W. Virginia St.
Multipurpose Room
San Jose CA 95125

La reunión consistirá en la presentación del proyecto por parte de Caltrain y un foro abierto para discusión y preguntas de la comunidad en relación a las actividades de este proyecto.

Por favor contacte a las oficinas de Relaciones Publicas de Caltrain 650.508.7726 si tiene alguna pregunta. Información adicional del proyecto la puede encontrar en la siguiente página web:
www.caltrain.com/losgeatos.

Example of mailed notice

Spanish translation provided on notice
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