



## Drainage Ditch Installation to Prevent Runoff

Dear Neighbor,

In [past communications](#), it was mentioned that grading and installation of a drainage ditch would occur on the Caltrain right-of-way between 9th and 14th Avenues to prevent runoff and pooling from the rain. Crews will begin this work starting on Tuesday, November 5, and anticipate completing the work by the following week. During this time, crews will meet on site starting at 7:00 a.m., with actual construction work from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. During this time, no parking track installation work will occur as a public process is still ongoing and a construction contract has not been issued.

We also wanted to thank those who were able to attend the community meeting on October 8, 2019, regarding the replacement San Mateo Parking Track or set-out track that was removed to facilitate the construction of the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project, which will improve safety and traffic flow, reduce horn noise, and result in a new Hillsdale Station.

As you know, the City Council Study Session originally scheduled for October 21 was postponed as Caltrain and San Mateo City staff work on all follow-up items from the October 8, 2019 meeting. In the interim, we wanted to share with you this document listing [existing parking tracks](#) (including maps, photos, and cross streets) and information about Caltrain's maintenance facility which was requested by the community and has now been posted on the [website](#).

Thank you for your patience and we look forward to continued communication.

### Background Information

A "parking track" is a temporary storage space for train equipment. The anticipated use of a San Mateo parking track is 1-2 times a month. Parking tracks allow for efficient use of limited work windows to keep the railroad functioning properly. They also support capital projects such as the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project and Caltrain Electrification.

The previous San Mateo Parking Track was in existence prior to Caltrain becoming the operator of passenger service. Located in the Bay Meadows area, it was used by Caltrain for 25 years until the grade separation project necessitated its removal.

There are over a dozen parking tracks distributed in residential and commercial areas along the corridor. There is only one maintenance yard, which is a large 20 acre multi-acre complex operation and facility that is located in San Jose.

### For More Information

To view the feasibility analysis or for more information please visit [www.caltrain.com/SMParkingTrack](http://www.caltrain.com/SMParkingTrack). For additional questions you can contact Caltrain Customer Service at 1-800-660-4287 or email [construction@caltrain.com](mailto:construction@caltrain.com). Thank you again for your thoughtful feedback.