



# 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation Project Update

JPB Board April 2, 2020



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## The Project



## **Project Overview**

Project Elements

- Three grade separations: 25th, 28th, 31st Avenues
- Bike/pedestrian underpass
- Relocated parking track
- New Hillsdale Station (located closer to 28th Avenue)

**Overall Benefits** 

- Pedestrian, cyclist, and motorist safety
- Safe rail operations and fewer system-wide delays
- Improved traffic flow and enhanced east-west connectivity
- Reduced train horn noise
- Station with centerboard platform & updated amenities



## **Project Location**





## **Relocated Parking Track**





### **Project Rendering of Elevated Track**





# **Progress Update**



## Since Last Update...

- Completed retaining walls
- Installed all bridges
- Constructed skeleton track
- Constructed 28th/31st Avenues west side
- Began New Station Construction



## **Completed Walls & Bridges**





Bridge Installation Timelapses at <a href="http://www.caltrain.com/25thGS/photo">www.caltrain.com/25thGS/photo</a>

## New Track & Roads (West Side)





## **New Station Under Construction**





# **Project Funding**



## **Project Funding, in Millions**





# Update on Temporary Hillsdale Station Closure



## Hillsdale Station Closure: May 16, 2020

- Duration: Up to 6 months
- Closure required to:
  - Transition ground-level tracks to elevated tracks
  - Create east-west connection at 28th Avenue
  - Build new Hillsdale Station (closer to 28th Avenue)
- Caltrain will continue overall passenger service.
  - COVID-19 has created a highly fluid situation with respect to service provision



## **Development of Rider Closure Plan**

- Analyze Survey Data (summer 2019) and Annual Counts
- Reviewed train timetables and bus / shuttle frequency
- Analyzed rider bus / shuttle needs and capacity
- Reviewed public feedback
  - Over 4,000 touchpoints, ~2,050 provided feedback
  - Sources: Council Meetings, City Staff, neighborhood associations, office tenants, Nueva School, project email, 20+ public meetings, virtual town hall
- Focused on rider experience during the closure
- Acknowledged challenges



## Rider Closure Plan

- All plans are subject to change based on COVID-19 service changes and funding
- All Hillsdale Caltrain service switches to Belmont
- Free parking at Belmont Station
- Free SamTrans <u>ECR</u> bus service between Belmont and San Mateo Stations
- Free SamTrans Route <u>292</u> bus service between Hillsdale Shopping Center and San Mateo Station
- Free SamTrans bus service on all routes (except FCX) for riders with the Caltrain Clipper monthly pass 2+ zones
- Free peak period Belmont/Hillsdale Shuttle service (if available)
- Caltrain will coordinate with existing public and private shuttles serving the two stations



## **Rider & Community Communication**

### **Rider Communication**

- Signage: electronic, A-frames, info boards, banner
- Take-ones, parking lot windshield drops
- Ambassadors at stations, conductor announcements, customer support
- Radio and print ads

### **Community Communication**

- Newsletters, mailers to community, email distribution list
- Regular communication to electeds and organizations
- Social Media, dedicated webpage <u>www.caltrain.com/HillsdaleClosure</u>
- Virtual Town Hall: April 9, 2020



#### **Hillsdale Closure Rider Information**

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