

History of Caltrain Pricing and Fare Structure Changes 1980 - 2026

Aug. 1980	End of the 30% discount program (monthly tickets)																				
Nov. 1981	Joint Fare Demonstration Project																				
Feb 1982	Introduced discount excursion round-trip ticket (valid in off peak only)																				
April 1982	Implemented 25% fare increase across the board; lowest fare per zone went from \$0.95 to \$1.20																				
Oct. 1982	Discounted 5-day pass (monthly pass good for unlimited rides Monday through Friday only); reduced monthly pass price from the then unlimited ride pass to the 5-day pass																				
Nov. 1983	Discount excursion round-trip tickets became valid for peak period trip travel																				
May 1984	Introduced Peninsula Pass/bus shuttle service																				
Oct. 1986	Introduced \$0.50 surcharge for on-board fare payment when ticket could have been purchased at an open station																				
Dec. 1989	Revised fare structure; Lowered one-way fares per zone from \$1.20 to \$1.00 and created relationship between one-way and multi-ride tickets																				
Sept. 1991	Adopted new fare structure; Increased fares 9.85% overall while providing some ticket restructuring, eliminated weekly passes, increased on-board surcharge to \$1.00, and increased monthly parking fees from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Relationship between one-way and multi-ride tickets:																				
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July 1992	Adopted new codified tariff (JPB takes over); revised the zonal configuration and added Zones 7 & 8 (added 6 more weekday trains)																				
July 1993	Increased fares 10% across-the-board; added weekend pass and eliminated discount round-trip ticket																				
July 1994	Added 10-ride ticket and weekly pass; Eliminated 20-ride ticket; increased Weekend Pass from \$7 to \$8.																				
July 1995	5% across-the-board fare increase; Added discount off-peak ticket; Eliminated weekly pass; Increased monthly parking permit and bike locker rental from \$4 to \$5.																				

- July 1996 5% across-the-board increase; only \$5 subsidy on Peninsula Pass sticker.
- July 1997 5% across-the-board fare increase; increased weekend pass from \$8 to \$9. (Added 10% more weekday train service.)
- July 1998 5% across-the-board fare increase; increased daily parking from 50¢ to \$1 and Monthly parking from \$5 to \$10.
- July 2002 10% across-the-board fare increase; eliminated discount off-peak ticket; Increased off-board discount (formerly on-board surcharge) from \$1 to \$3; increased weekend pass from \$9 to \$10; increased daily parking from \$1 to \$1.50 and Monthly parking from \$10 to \$15; only \$2 subsidy on Peninsula Pass (\$33); increased bike locker rental from \$5 to \$5.50.
- Sept. 2003 Proof-of-Payment implemented: complete restructuring of fares; number of zones reduced from 9 to 6; adopted base fare of \$1.75 and zone increment of \$1.25; One-way tickets and each ride on 10-ride Ticket valid for four hours; Round-trip ticket replaced by Day Pass valid for service day; Introduced 10-ride Ticket for Senior, Disabled, and Youth; all 10-ride tickets must be validated prior to boarding; Changed pricing of all Senior, Disabled, and Youth tickets to approximately 50% of the full price; Youth discount age standardized at 5 to 17 years; Zone upgrade re-introduced; eliminated Weekend Pass and ticket-by-mail discount; removed subsidy on Peninsula Pass (\$45).
- April 2004 Eliminated acceptance of Muni Fast Pass as fare in San Francisco.
- Dec. 2004 Eliminated Peninsula Pass; introduced Muni Sticker (\$35).
- July 2005 ~17.5% across-the-board fare increase; base fare increased from \$1.75 to \$2.00, and zone increment increased from \$1.25 to \$1.50; Go Pass added to tariff and priced equivalent to a two-zone Monthly Pass.
- Jan. 2006 ~5.6% across-the-board fare increase; base fare increased from \$2.00 to \$2.25.
- Oct. 2006 Daily parking fees increased from \$1.50 to \$2.00. Monthly parking fees increased from \$15 to \$20. Executive Director authorized to adjust parking fees at each Caltrain station in an amount not to exceed \$5 daily and \$50 monthly.
- April 2007 ~8.3% across-the-board fare increase; zone increment increased by \$0.25 from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

- Jan 2009 Base fare increased from \$2.25 to \$2.50.
- Aug 2009 Daily parking fees increased from \$2 to \$3, and Monthly parking fees increased from \$20 to \$30.
- Jan 2011 Zone fare increased from \$1.75 to \$2.00. Go Pass increased from \$140 to \$155.
- July 2011 Base fare increased from \$2.50 to \$2.75. Daily parking fees increased from \$3 to \$4, and Monthly parking fees increased from \$30 to \$40.
- July 2012 Base fare increased for paper tickets from station ticket machines \$0.25 for One-way and \$0.50 for Day Pass (Clipper card price remains at \$2.75 base); 8-ride ticket discount lowered from 15% to 7.5% and the validity period shortened from 60 days to 30 days; Go Pass increased from \$155 to \$165.
- Sept. 2013 Daily parking fees increased from \$4 to \$5, and Monthly parking fees increased from \$40 to \$50.
- Jan. 2014 Implemented Group Travel Program allowing 10% discount off the paper ticket price for groups of 25 or more pre-purchasing tickets through program; Go Pass program expanded to allow option for less than full-time employees and interns; Go Pass program expanded to include residential complexes.
- Aug. 2014 Allows charge of up to \$25 for daily parking at impacted stations for special events held at San Mateo Event Center and professional sports venues.
- Oct. 2014 Base fare increased for paper tickets from station ticket machines an additional \$0.25 for One-way and \$0.50 for Day Pass (Clipper card price remains at \$2.75 base); Go Pass increase from \$165 to \$180, with minimum participation rate of \$15,120.
- Dec. 2014 Youth age expanded from 17 years to 18 years.
- Jan. 2016 Go Pass increase from \$180 to \$190, with minimum participation rate of \$15,960. Caltrain plus Muni Pass on Clipper was discontinued and Caltrain customers using Clipper receive 50-cent transfer credit when transferring to Muni within 60 minutes of tagging off on Caltrain.
- Feb. 2016 Base fare increased from \$3.25 to \$3.75. Clipper card holders continue to get an approximate 15 percent discount on the base fare over paper tickets.
- July 2016 Daily parking fees increase from \$5 to \$5.50, and Monthly parking fees increase from \$50 to \$55.

- Oct. 2017 Adult zone fare increase from \$2 to \$2.25; Monthly Pass multiplier increase from 26.5 to 28 One-way fare; monthly parking multiplier increase from 10 to 15 daily parking; 8-ride Ticket eliminated.
- Jan. 2018 Go Pass increase from \$190 to \$237.50 per eligible user, with minimum participation rate of \$19,950.
- July 2018 Monthly Pass multiplier increase from 28 to 30 One-way fare.
- Jan. 2019 Go Pass increase from \$237.50 to \$285 per eligible user, with minimum participation rate of \$23,940.
- Jan. 2020 Go Pass increase from \$285 to \$342 per eligible user, with minimum participation rate of \$28,728
- Jan. 2024 Go Pass decrease from \$342 to \$275 per eligible user, with minimum participation rate of \$5,500, reduced group travel size from 25 to 15.
- Mar. 2024 Eligible discount Day Pass pricing was changed to align with 2x one way pricing from for eligible discount passengers. Clipper START was added as a permanent fare category and the price was aligned with Clipper eligible discount pricing. Monthly passes multipliers were reduced from 30 to 24.
- Sep. 2024 Youth one-way price set at \$1 and day pass price set at \$2 for all zone travel
- Apr. 3rd 2025 Removed GoPass pricing from Caltrain's fare table and fare type sections. Establish a new "GoPass and Other Institutional Programs" section in the Fare Structure, granting the Executive Director or designee authority to set prices and terms for GoPass and other institutional pass programs. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to enter into institutional pass agreements with other organizations, such as professional sports organizations, that do not participate in the current GoPass program to support Caltrain ridership growth, including through joint promotion activities.
- July 1st, 2025 Raised Adult base fares from \$3.75 to \$4, and eligible discount base fares from \$1.75 to \$2.
- Dec. 10th 2025 Introduced tap to pay for contactless debit and credit card for passengers at the Adult fare price. Youth monthly pass price is set at \$24. The Clipper START monthly pass price is set to match the eligible discount monthly pass price.
- Jan. 1st 2026 Removed discount for Clipper fare riders vs paper ticket purchases. This was done to align prices for all customers and simplify the fare structure.