



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

SMCTA Board April 2, 2020

## Agenda

- I. Project Overview
- II. Progress Update
- III. Financial Status
- IV. Update on Temporary Station Closure



The Project



## **Project Overview**

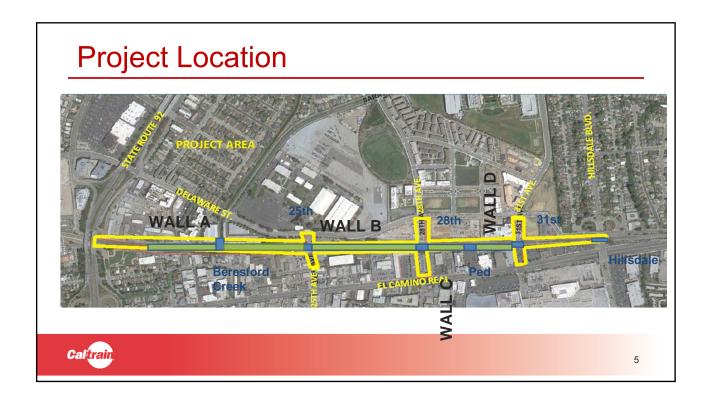
### **Project Elements**

- 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







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# Project Rendering of Elevated Track





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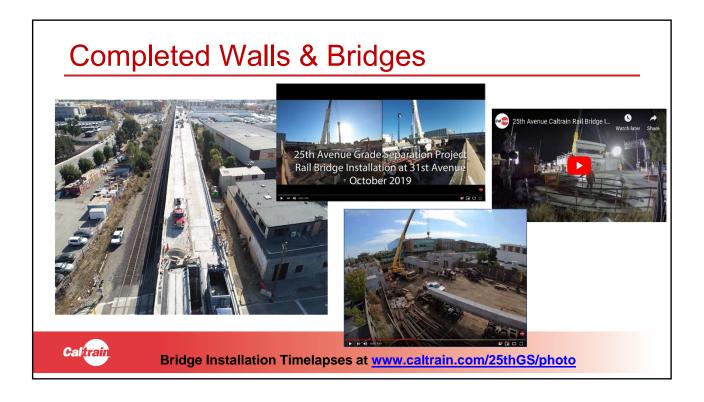
# **Progress Update**



## Since Last Update...

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





# New Track & Roads (West Side)







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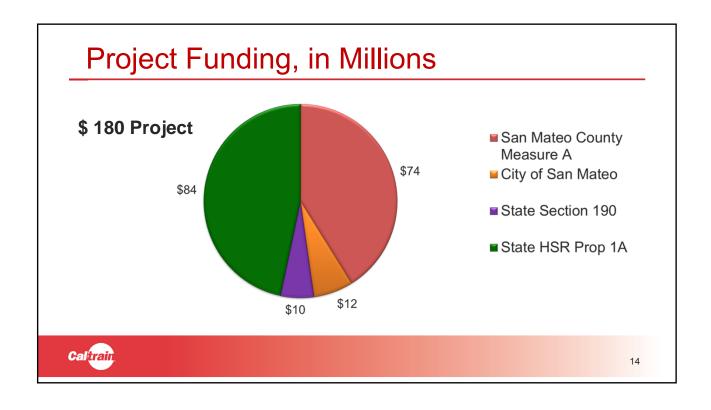
## **New Station Under Construction**





# **Project Funding**





# 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



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## 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 ECR 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



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## **Contact Information**

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