

# Bikes on Caltrain Electrified Trains

## BIKES ONboard project

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## Outline

- History of bikes onboard Caltrain
- Bicycle bumps
- Projections for Caltrain bike ridership
- Benefits of 20% bike capacity
- Ranked priorities for electrified trains
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# History of bikes onboard Caltrain

Year	Bicycle Access
1992	8 bikes allowed per train
1996	24 bikes allowed per train
2002	32 bikes allowed on gallery bike cars, but only 16 bikes on new Bombardier cars; trains have either one or two bike cars
2009	40 bikes allowed on gallery bike cars and 24 bikes allowed on Bombardier cars; all Bombardier trains upgraded to two bike cars
2011	All gallery trains upgraded to two bike cars
Fall, 2015	All Bombardier trains to be upgraded to three bike cars

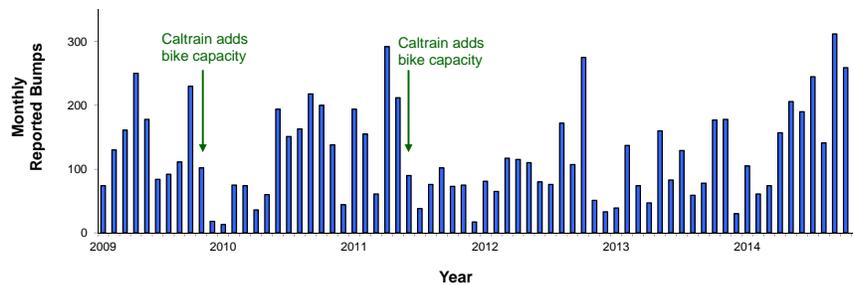
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# Bicycle bumps

Caltrain leaves customers with bicycles behind



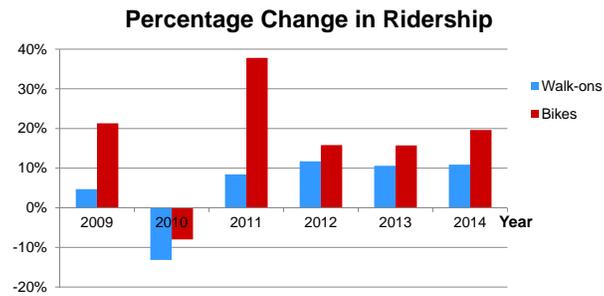
The graph shows the minimum number of bumps, because not all bumps are reported.

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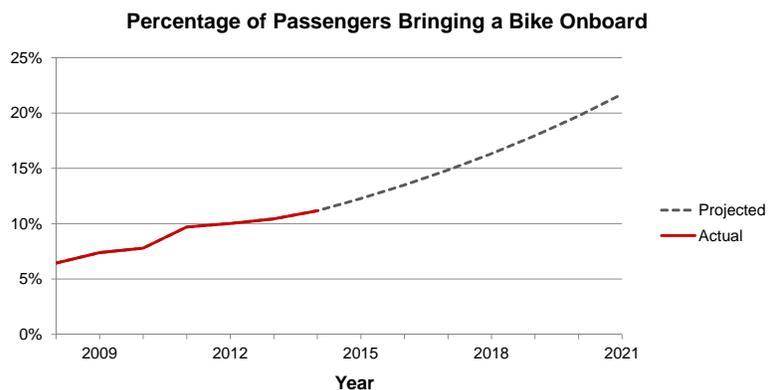
# Caltrain ridership



Average increase in ridership since 2008:  
 Walk-ons = 5.5%  
 Bikes = 17.1%

Note: Bike ridership is capped by limited bike capacity.

# Bike ridership on Caltrain



Electrification is scheduled for 2021, when more than 20% of passengers are projected to bring a bike onboard.

## Benefits of 20% bike capacity

- Promotes mode shift from driving to biking
  - Reduces need for new parking facilities
  - Reduces traffic congestion
  - Lowers fossil fuel consumption
  - Reduces carbon emissions and pollution
  - Improves public health
- Costs less than other station access modes
- Increases ridership and revenue



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## Priorities for bikes onboard electrified trains

Rank	Item
1	Bikes are unboxed, carry-on luggage
2	Onboard bicycle capacity for 20% of passengers
3	No charge for bikes
4	Seats reserved for cyclists within sight of bikes (one seat for each bike space)
5	Consistent bicycle capacity in every car
6	Level boarding (good for wheelchairs, strollers, luggage, and bikes)
7	Two doors on both sides of each car
8	Random-access onboard bicycle storage (no bike stacking)
9	Both bike wheels on the floor (no vertical storage)
10	Easily expandable onboard bicycle capacity to meet demand, up to 35% of passengers
11	Real-time reporting of bicycle spaces available in each car
12	Convertible space for oversize trailer/stroller/cart/bike
13	Luggage racks with a suitable design to hold folding bikes

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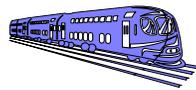
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## Summary

- Caltrain's bikes onboard service has many benefits
- Bicycle bumps are an ongoing problem
- Projections show over 20% of passengers may bring a bike onboard electrified trains
- Let's design bikes into the system now!



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