

CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION



ELECTRIC TRAIN TESTING | July 2023

ELECTRIC TRAIN TESTING ACTIVITIES

Starting July 21, 2023, Caltrain will begin testing the new electric trains between Santa Clara and Palo Alto.

Testing will begin at walking speed and will increase to maximum authorized speed of 79 mph. Testing will be completed at night between 9 pm and 6 am to reduce impacts on regular Caltrain service. Residents may hear additional noise during testing hours, including grade crossing activations and train horns. We appreciate your patience as we complete this transformational project.

STAY AWARE, STAY SAFE

The start of testing of electric trains means big improvements are on their way for our riders and community. It also means that new electric overhead wires are energized, and the new electric trains will be much quieter than the diesel trains. Learn more about staying safe around the new wires and trains with these simple safety tips:

Always wait for the gate

Even if you can't hear the new trains coming, make sure to wait for the gate to fully rise before crossing.

Be mindful of overhead wires

Caltrain's electric overhead wires carry 25,000

volts of electricity and can be dangerous. Never approach overhead wires with things like ladders, antennas, balloons, and most importantly, yourself!

Stay away from damaged wires

If you see a downed or otherwise damaged overhead wire, stay at least 25 feet away. For emergencies or suspicious activity on Caltrain, call the Transit Police at 1.877.SAF-RAIL (1.877.723.7245).

Learn more at caltrain.com/safety

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Caltrain Electrification, scheduled to be in service fall 2024, will improve the customer experience by increasing the number of trains, modernizing service, and adding new safety elements. The new trains will feature onboard displays with digital trip information, increased storage capacities, more power outlets and spacious bathrooms. Electrification will also help meet ambitious regional and state climate action goals by lowering greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality and relieving traffic congestion. Additionally, electrified service will advance equity along the corridor by reducing noise and air pollution while increasing access for priority equity neighbors

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