

# CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION



## ELECTRIC TRAIN TESTING | September 2023

### ELECTRIC TRAIN TESTING ACTIVITIES

Starting September 25, 2023, Caltrain will begin electric train testing on weeknights between San Jose and Mountain View. Testing is expected to continue until Summer 2024. Each trainset must be tested for 1,000 miles before being placed into service which is planned for September 2024.

**Testing will be conducted Monday through Friday evenings between 8 pm and 4 am with an expected 1-2 test trains per hour.** 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 that 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 call the Transit Police at 1.877.SAF-RAIL (1.877.723.7245).

**Learn more at [caltrain.com/safety](https://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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