



Hillsdale Station Temporary Closure Update

Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee
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25th Ave. Grade Separation Project Description



Project Overview

Project Need

- 92 Caltrain trains each weekday use the crossing + additional freight
- No. 8 on California Public Utilities Commission railroad crossing safety priority list
- Lack of grade separation increases delays along corridor

Project Elements

- Grade separation (elevated rail, lowered road) at 25th Avenue
- New grade separated, east-west connections at 28th and 31st Avenues
- Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall: approx. 1 mile
- Bridges: 5
- Relocated Set-Out Track
- New Hillsdale Station with updated amenities



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Elevated Track



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Project Benefits

- Improved cyclist, pedestrian, and motorist safety
- Safe rail operations
- Improved traffic flow
- Enhanced east-west connectivity
- Improved customer experience with new station (center boarding platform)
- Reduced train horn noise
- Support Caltrain electrification



Construction Occurring



Timelapse of bridge installation <https://www.instagram.com/p/B5BYGIUHo45/>

General Project Outreach

- Dedicated Web Section
www.caltrain.com/25thGS
- Weekly Updates
- Construction Notices
- Social Media
- Public Meetings: At regular intervals and major milestones



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Schedule

Activity	Date
Start of Project Construction	Fall 2017
→ Temporary Station Closure (6 months)	Spring 2020
Station Reopens	Summer / Fall 2020
Overall Project Complete	Spring 2021



Construction Activities During Closure

Build New Station at 28th Avenue

- Track Cut-Over
- Signal Testing
- Build 28th Avenue
 - New lowered road
 - Access to new station
- Build Parking Lots



Hillsdale Train Service to Belmont Station

During the temporary Hillsdale Station closure:

- Caltrain passenger service will continue (63,000 daily riders)
- All Hillsdale trains (including bullets) will move to Belmont
- Belmont Station selected for:
 - Operational efficiency (limit system-wide delays)
 - Existing transit connections and street network near/around station
 - Proximity to Hillsdale Station: 1.7 miles
 - Accessible by all modes
 - Comparable parking to today's Hillsdale Station



*San Mateo Station will continue to also receive baby bullet service

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Belmont & Hillsdale Connections: Survey

Rider survey to help refine rider access plans

- Conducted at Hillsdale Station: July 24, 2019
- Online survey link distributed to riders boarding and exiting trains between 5:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.
- Ambassadors at every entrance/exit
- 900+ responses as of July 26, 2019
- Results being examined, along with other feedback (emails, community meetings, virtual town hall, etc.)



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Belmont & Hillsdale: Bike Access

- Distance between stations: 1.7 mi
- Bike travel time between stations: 8 min



Hillsdale Station & Bikes During Closure

Current Bicycle Parking at Hillsdale Station

- 18 bike racks
- 12 e-lockers

During Temporary Closure at Hillsdale Station

- Looking at expanding bike parking at San Mateo Station

Belmont Station & Bikes

Current Bicycle Parking

- 18 bike racks (same as at Hillsdale)
- 24 keyed lockers

Improvements being evaluated during closure

- E-lockers



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Rider Information

- At Stations (winter 2020)
 - Electronic signs at platforms
 - A-frames, info boards, and banner at Hillsdale Station
 - Windshield drops in Hillsdale and Belmont Station parking lots
 - Ambassadors leading up to closure and during start of closure
- On the Train
 - Seat drops
 - Conductor announcements



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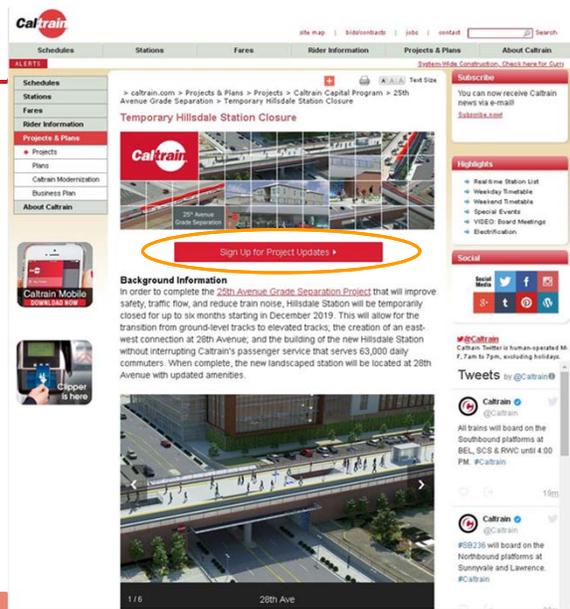
Closure Information: In the Community

- Regular Communication to electeds and organizations (ongoing)
- Community meeting (in-person and online): 1.5 months prior to closure
- Notices: Weekly Construction Notice, Mailers (before key milestones), distribution list updates



Stay Informed

- Distribution list sign up & general station closure information
www.caltrain.com/HillsdaleTempClosure
- Station Specific Webpage Alerts (Hillsdale & Belmont Stations)
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 - Twitter: @Caltrain
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Station Improvements Renderings



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