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Meeting of April 3, 2025

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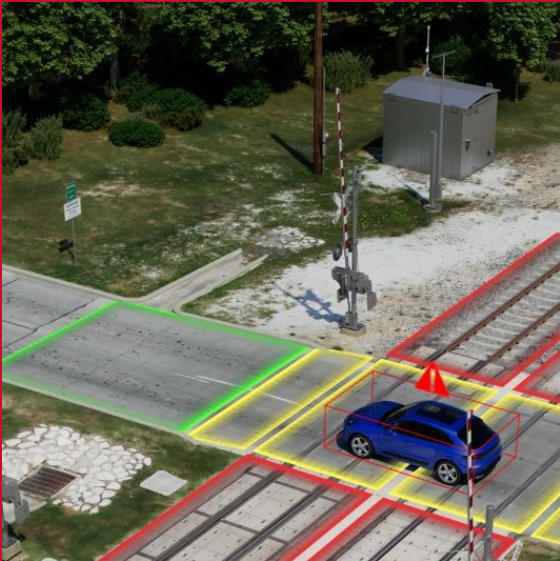
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## **New Technology Helps Caltrain Innovate and Improve**

Baseball and soccer seasons are kicking as we celebrate Women's History Month, and at Caltrain, we're working to make your ride better every day no matter where you are going. Keep reading to learn more about recent safety enhancements in Palo Alto, new rider amenities in Redwood City and Sunnyvale, and of course, celebrating the start of the season for the San Francisco Giants and Bay FC. This month we also recognized the dedicated transit workers who keep



Caltrain running—because behind every smooth ride is a team working hard to serve you.



## New Safety Infrastructure at Grade Separations

With the installation of an AI-based system analyzing camera and LiDAR footage at Churchill Avenue in Palo Alto, plus solar delineators and new markings to help people navigate our railroad crossings more safely system-wide, Caltrain's corridor is becoming safer than ever.

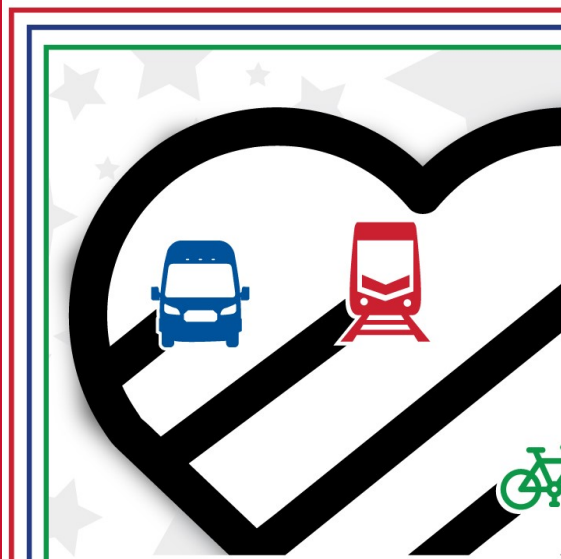
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## Throne Brings Bathroom Access to Caltrain Stations

Sunnyvale and Redwood City Caltrain Stations have received an upgrade, with Palo Alto Station close behind as Caltrain partner Throne Labs install clean, modern and convenient public bathrooms.



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March 18 was Transit Employee Appreciation Day, marking the perfect opportunity to thank the hundreds of people that keep Caltrain and the Bay Area moving.

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## Caltrain On Deck as Giants Season Gets Underway

Caltrain's service every 30 minutes is the perfect way for Giants fans to catch the action at Oracle Park.



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## Bay FC Kicks Off Season

Soccer fans! Take advantage of Caltrain service; Santa Clara Station is just a short walk from PayPal Park where Bay FC and The San Jose Earthquakes play home games.

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**Date:** Friday, March 28, 2025 5:41:26 PM  
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**To:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Why cant we have coordinated BART and CT schedule at Millbrae?  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025 7:31:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lynda Swanson <lyndaswanson@me.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 8:47 PM  
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@caltrain.com>  
Subject: Why cant we have coordinated BART and CT schedule at Millbrae?

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It goes on and on! Years and years! I have to drive to MB to be sure to get train to Palo Alto as BART arrives minutes before CT leaves and No Way to get off BART and down stairs in time! Many many many times! Then have to wait an hour at MB!!!!!! So many people stranded no matter which direction! A crime!!!!  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Rita Welsh <ritamwelsh@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 9:14 PM

**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@caltrain.com>

**Subject:** Your new trains look nice from afar. I hope they are comfortable and frequent

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It's amazing how when I travel to Europe I find it easy to go from place to place on transit. In our area it's much more difficult. Please try to coordinate your schedule with all of the other transit agencies in our area.

Thank you.

Rita Welsh

**From:** [Caltrain BOD Public Support](#)  
**To:** [aptaylor@stanford.edu](mailto:aptaylor@stanford.edu)  
**Cc:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Formal Complaint Regarding Employee Conduct – Citation #24001195  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025 1:41:13 PM

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Dear Aristotle Taylor,

Your message to the Caltrain Board of Directors has been forwarded to me for a response, and a copy of our correspondence will also be shared with the Board members. Thank you for reaching out to Caltrain Customer Service. We sincerely apologize for the negative experience you had while riding Train 162 on February 26, 2025.

An email was sent to TurboData today to dismiss the citation, and you should ultimately receive a notification via mail regarding this update. We truly appreciate your patience as we work to resolve this matter.

Regarding the incident with the conductor, we have conducted an interview with them. While we are unable to discuss specific personnel matters due to confidentiality, please know that we take all complaints seriously. Our conductors are expected to maintain a professional demeanor at all times when interacting with our passengers, and we hold them accountable for their actions.

We also want to clarify that Caltrain's policy requires passengers to purchase tickets before boarding at a Ticket Vending Machine or through the Caltrain Mobile app. Our conductors are responsible for enforcing the proof of payment policy throughout the trip. We understand your frustration and will continue to use your feedback to ensure our staff conducts fare inspections with professionalism and respect.

We truly appreciate your loyalty to Caltrain over the years, and we are genuinely sorry for the discomfort this incident caused you.

Kind regards,

Your Caltrain BOD Public Support Team

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**Dear Caltrain Customer Service,**

I am writing to formally report an incident involving a Caltrain employee, J. Castillo (Badge/ID: 634), that occurred on **February 26, 2025, at 9:22 PM** on **Train 162, Car 3272**, at the **Sunnyvale Station (Santa Clara County)**.

**Incident Details:**

- **Date and Time:** February 26, 2025, at 9:22 PM
- **Train Number/Route:** Train 162, Car 3272
- **Station:** Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County
- **Employee Name & ID:** J. Castillo (Badge/ID: 634)
- **Violation Number:** 24001195

**Description of Behavior:**

In my four years of riding Caltrain, I have never had any issues with any workers—until this experience, which was by far the most unprofessional and unpleasant interaction I have had. The employee approached me and several other passengers in an extremely aggressive manner, demanding identification without proper cause, incorrectly claiming that my ticket was invalid and falsely identifying it as a youth ticket. He proceeded to **yell inside the train, demanding that passengers remove their hoods so he could identify them and state their date of birth**. Stating that it is “just his job” when his hostility was contested by one of the fellow train riders sitting near me. I would guess that abusing power and being rude is definitely not part of his job. His behavior created a **hostile and uncomfortable environment** for not only me, but multiple riders at the least. He told me after he realized that he falsely identified and reported me, that he made a mistake and that he would protest the ticket if he was me. Completely rude, disrespectful, unjustified, and unprofessional. Didn’t have the decency at the very least to get my name, weight, height, or eyes correct when it’s all on my ID. He put in random information as quick as he could to print out a ticket, further proving his ill intent.

Furthermore, I was issued a citation for **fare evasion with inadequate fare media (Code: 3.03.1)**, despite having purchased my ticket correctly. Given the circumstances and the manner in which this employee handled the situation, I strongly believe that this citation was **unjustified** and request that it be reviewed and dismissed. I purchased and showed the ticket, whether the connection when I got into the train prolonged the purchase, I don't know, but it was bought as I got in at palo alto, and it was not a youth ticket. I do know that I

have had the same process for years now-without ever having an issue, and I take pride in my ethics and character. Coming straight from workouts-to make the train just on time and paying for my ticket, then being harassed has not only ruined my day but also my positive experience riding the cal train.

**Request for Review & Action:**

1. **Formal Review of Citation #24001195** – I request that this citation be investigated and revoked, as it was issued under false pretenses.
2. **Investigation into J. Castillo's Conduct** – His actions were unprofessional, excessive, and unnecessarily confrontational not only to me but everyone I saw him deal with.
3. **Clarification of Fare Inspection Protocols** – If there have been changes to ticket validation procedures, I request clear communication. After this incident it may be my last time utilizing your service, one of which I have been so grateful for.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to your response regarding the resolution of this issue. Please confirm receipt of this complaint and provide a timeline for review.

**Sincerely,**

**Aristotle Taylor**

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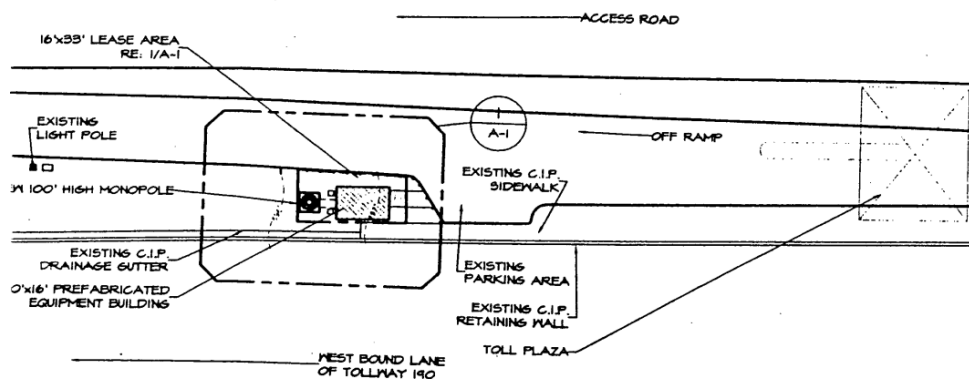
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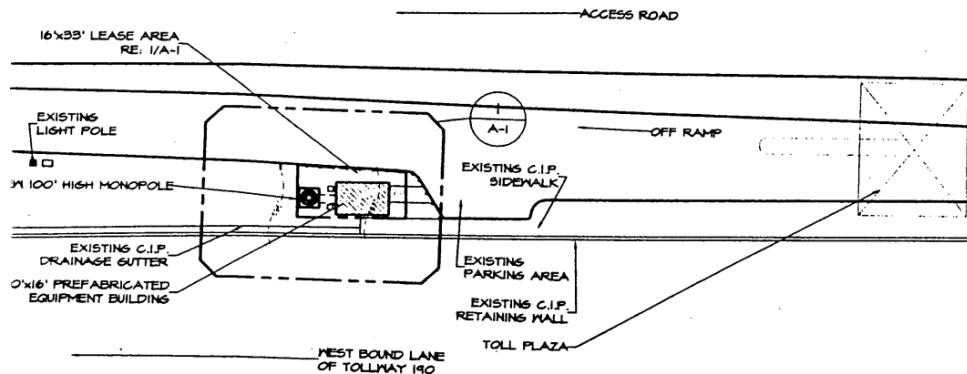
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