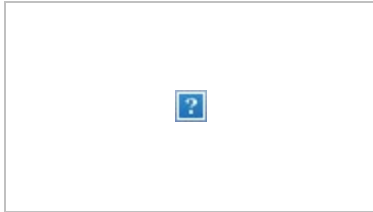


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NEWS

April 3, 2025

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Caltrain Wins 2025 Sustainability Award for New High-Performance Electric Trains

Caltrain will receive Sustainable San Mateo County's (SSMC) 2025 Sustainability Award at the 26th Annual Sustainability Awards this evening for its historic transition from diesel trains and infrastructure components to a greener, faster, more frequent electric transportation network along the San Francisco Peninsula.

The honor was awarded to Caltrain for its exemplary commitment to delivering environmental, economic and social equity benefits. Additionally, SSMC commended Caltrain for fostering and utilizing partnerships and public engagement efforts to reimagine the region's transportation system.

[Electrification](#) is advancing ambitious regional and state sustainability goals by lowering greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality and relieving traffic congestion. The transition from diesel to electric trains has significantly reduced greenhouse gas emissions, comparable to taking tens of thousands of cars off the road annually. Additionally, it has created [jobs in 36 states](#), fueling economic growth and innovation both within the local communities and nationwide. The collaborative effort to manufacture the electric trains and infrastructure underscores a commitment to sustainability and job creation.

"At Caltrain, sustainability is a core value underlying our work across the Peninsula," said **Caltrain Executive Director Michelle Bouchard**. "We are honored to be recognized by Sustainable San Mateo County for our electrification project's impact on furthering the region's key environmental, economic and equity goals. Electrified service has reinvented our system for

generations to come, and we are confident it will continue to serve as a model for other railroad systems across the nation.”

“For the first time in 160 years, this rail corridor is running on 100% zero emission power,” said **Caltrain Board Chair Steve Heminger**. “This monumental achievement will change millions of lives for the better and is a legacy that all three counties Caltrain serves can be proud of.”

The new high-performance electric trains, unveiled in September 2024, offer a better [experience for Caltrain riders](#) while providing [better service than ever before](#). The trains have delivered [more service that’s faster to arrive](#) at destinations, as well as a modern fleet that’s quieter and more comfortable while also offering new amenities such as customer-facing Wi-Fi and accessible outlets.

Since the launch of electric service, the agency has reported its [best ridership numbers](#) since pre-pandemic. Caltrain saw ridership grow to more than a half million passengers in December 2024, a 41% increase over December 2023, and that growth continued into this year, with January seeing a 51% increase and February seeing a 48% increase over last year.

Caltrain also [announced](#) at its monthly Board of Directors meeting in January that regenerative braking on the new trains is generating and sending back to the electric grid approximately 23% of the energy consumed by the system, outperforming Caltrain’s original projections. The first year of electric service is currently on pace to have lower fuel costs than the previous diesel service.

Caltrain is the oldest continuously operated railroad in the West, starting steam train passenger service over 160 years ago when Abraham Lincoln served as President. After 70 years of diesel trains, the Caltrain Electrification Project, with substantial federal and state investment, introduced the new era of electrified service on the corridor.

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NEWS

April 11, 2025

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Caltrain Seeks Volunteers for Citizens Advisory Committee

The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB), the entity that manages Caltrain, is seeking volunteers from San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to apply for its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

The CAC currently has openings for four seats, two seats for representatives from San Francisco, and one each for San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Committee members are asked to serve a three-year term.

The CAC is comprised of nine community members who serve in an advisory capacity to the JPB Board of Directors, providing input on the needs of current and potential rail customers.

Residents interested in joining the advisory committee can find an application on the CAC web page [here](#), or by calling 650.508.6347. Applications for the CAC are due by Friday, May 9, 2025. One seat for San Francisco has an expiration date of June 30, 2026, and all other vacancies have the same expiration date of June 30, 2028.

Unless otherwise noted, the CAC meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:40 p.m. at the Caltrain headquarters at 1250 San Carlos Avenue, about one block from the San Carlos Caltrain Station. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, visit [Citizens Advisory Committee | Caltrain](#)

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Caltrain Celebrates Bike to Wherever Days

[Bike to Wherever Days](#) will return from Thursday, May 15, through Saturday, May 17, and Caltrain is ready and able to help Bay Area cyclists get to wherever they want to go.

Caltrain, in partnership with the [Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition](#) (SVBC) and [San Francisco Bicycle Coalition](#) (SFBC), and in recognition of National Bike Month, is co-sponsoring energizer stations at Caltrain Stations across the three counties the rail agency serves. Caltrain is also hosting additional energizer stations at San Francisco, Millbrae, San Mateo and Mountain View stations. Energizer stations will be equipped with snacks, coffee, free swag and much more in order to welcome bike riders.

Currently, approximately 20% of Caltrain riders access the system with a bicycle. Caltrain has more on-board bike space than any train system in the country but space on the bike cars is filling up. People are encouraged to use the bike lockers or the free bike valet service on Townsend Street in San Francisco, especially if they do not need a bike on both ends of their journey. The eLockers and bike valet provide customers with easy to use, secure facilities and help alleviate some of the demand for bike space on trains.

In addition to the bike parking improvements, Caltrain is also installing signage on the platforms that show customers where the bike car doors are located. These stencils help guide customers with bikes to the bike cars while also helping other riders to access the non-bike cars.

People who use bikes to access Caltrain can take advantage of more than 350 bicycle eLockers at 22 Caltrain stations, including several new spaces that accommodate large bikes designed to carry a passenger. Standard eLocker rates can be as low as 5 cents per hour, with large bike rates of 8 cents per hour. Caltrain is currently giving 100 free hours of bicycle parking at Caltrain-owned eLockers to riders when they download the easy-to-use BikeLink app and use it to access a BikeLink locker at a Caltrain station for the first time. The

eLocker installations provide customers with an easy to use, secure facility and help alleviate some of the demand for bike space on trains. The eLockers are funded from the Bay Area Air Quality District and the State of California.

Caltrain is a cosponsor of Bike to Wherever Days, along with its sister agencies SamTrans and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

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