

Caltrain Business Plan

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Thinking Big



Crafting a 2040 Vision



**Crafting a
2040 Vision**



Framing the
Challenges



Exploring the
Opportunities



Next Steps



What is the Caltrain Business Plan?

What Addresses the future potential of the railroad over the next 20-30 years. It will assess the benefits, impacts, and costs of different service visions, building the case for investment and a plan for implementation.

Why Allows the community and stakeholders to engage in developing a more certain, achievable, financially feasible future for the railroad based on local, regional, and statewide needs.



Milestones that Shaped the Railroad's Future

- **2008** CHSRA specifies its alignment
- **2011-2013** “Blended System” introduced
CHSRA Business Plan confirms Blended System
Senate Bill 557 funds Prop 1A and codifies 2-track blended system
- **2013-2017** Peninsula Corridor Electrification Program environmentally cleared
Receipt of Federal Full Funding Grant Agreement
Full Notice to Proceed issued



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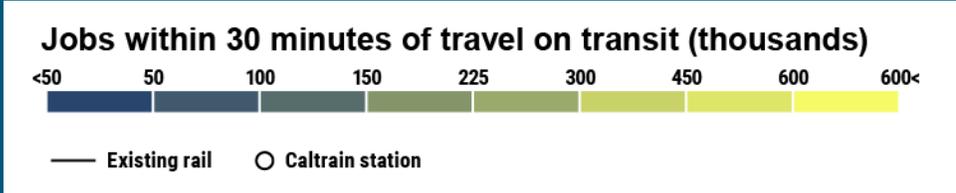
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Improving Caltrain is Vital to the Health of the Region's Economy



Railroads are Complex Systems

Caltrain's role and context extend beyond the Bay Area. The system influences and is influenced by many different scales



Individual



Community



Corridor



Region



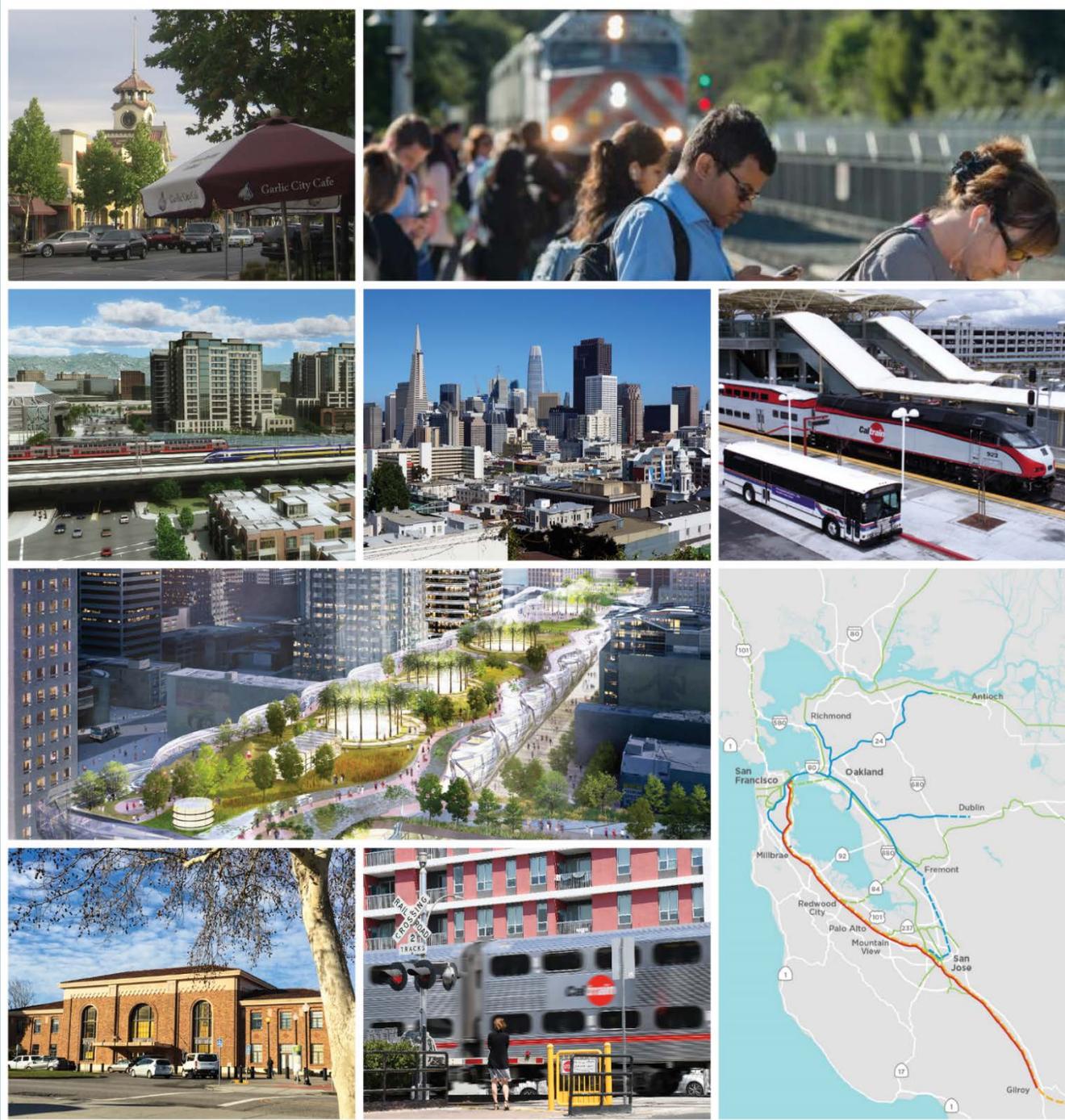
State



Country



Globe





Caltrain's Corridor is Varied and Constrained



Mostly 2 Tracks

Some 4-Track Sections



Width Varies



Multiple Tenants



At-Grade Crossings



Bridges & Tunnels



Ownership Varies

Especially at Stations



Caltrain Owns Tracks

Union Pacific Railroad Owns Tracks. Caltrain Has Access Rights

The Corridor is Woven into the Diverse Communities it Serves



Benefits

- Mobility options
- Regional connectivity
- Land use diversity
- Sustained economic growth



Challenges

- Grade crossings
- Impacts to corridor-adjacent neighbors
- Diverse community approaches to land use planning

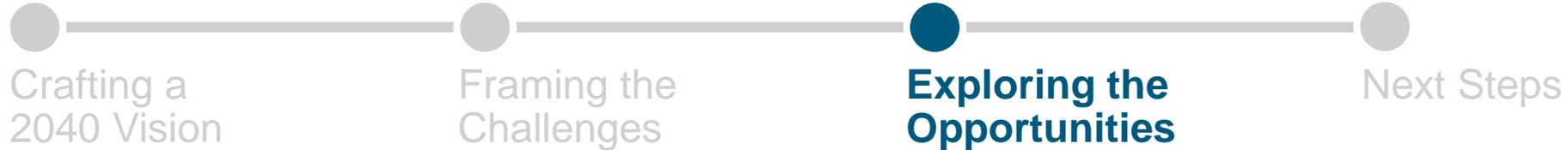


SHARING SESSION

What are the challenges to your jurisdiction?



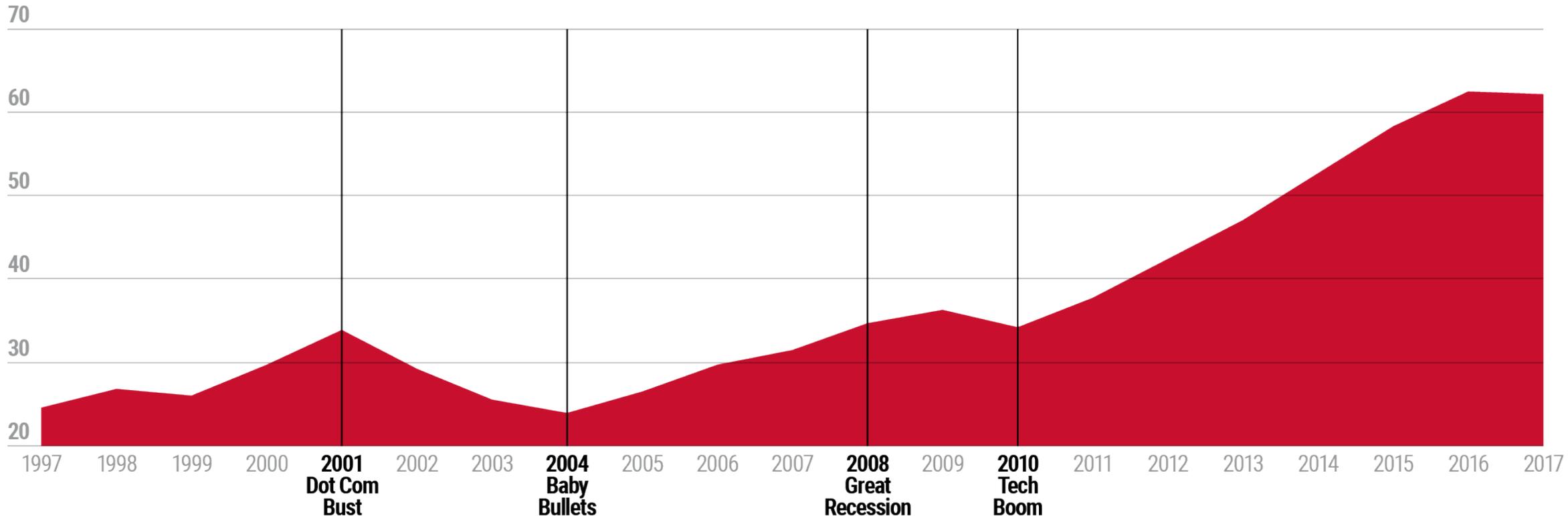
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Caltrain's Ridership and the Region's Economic Growth are Mutually Supportive

Caltrain Average Weekday Ridership (Thousands)
1997 – 2017



The Caltrain Corridor is Already Exceptional

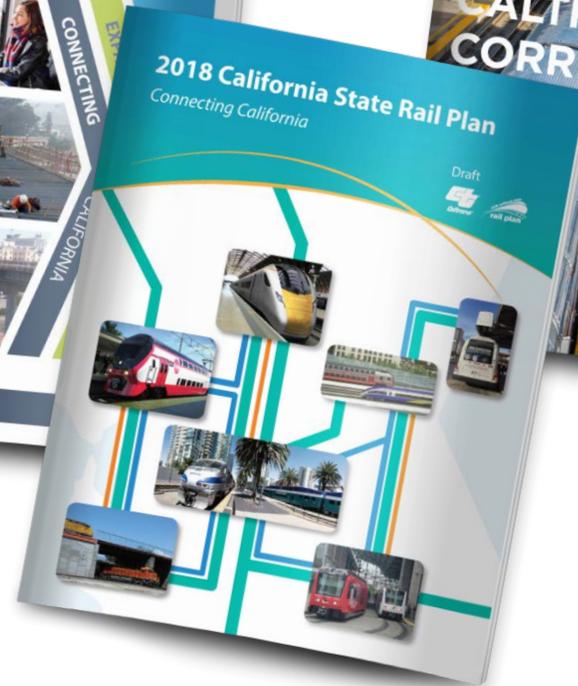
The unique geography of the Caltrain Corridor and the booming Bay Area economy have helped the system become one of the most intensively used and productive passenger railroads in the country

National Transit Database Facts

- Caltrain is the 7th largest commuter rail system in the country by ridership
- Caltrain is the second most dense commuter railroad in the United States with nearly 20 million annual unlinked passenger trips per 150 track miles
- Caltrain serves 50 percent more riders than Metrolink (LA) using a quarter of the track
- Caltrain has the highest farebox recovery rate of any major commuter rail system in the country
- Since 2010 Caltrain ridership has increased by nearly 75% as compared to an average of 30% for the ten largest commuter rail systems in the US



Electrification is the Foundation for Growth with Plans for More



Multiple Sources Offer Potential Funding for the Corridor



Existing

- FTA
- STA and SB1
- Regional (RM3)
- Local partner funds and sales tax measures
- CHSR investment

Potential

- SB797 (?)
- Private sector (?)
- Value Capture (?)
- New state or regional funding sources(?)

What Will the Business Plan Cover?

Technical Tracks



Service

- Number of trains
- Frequency of service
- Number of people riding the trains
- Infrastructure needs to support different service levels



Business Case

- Value from investments (past, present, and future)
- Infrastructure and operating costs
- Potential sources of revenue



Community Interface

- Benefits and impacts to surrounding communities
- Corridor management strategies and consensus building
- Equity considerations



Organization

- Organizational structure of Caltrain including governance and delivery approaches
- Funding mechanisms to support future service



SHARING SESSION

What are the opportunities in your jurisdiction?

Why is the future of the Caltrain corridor important to you?



Communication is a Key Success Factor

Meeting Schedule

Monthly: Board

- JPB Ad Hoc Committee
- Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB)
(monthly memos, quarterly presentations)

Monthly: Stakeholder

- Project Partner Committee (PPC)
- **Local Policymaker Group (LPMG)**
- **City/County Staff Coordinating Group (CSCG)**

Quarterly: Stakeholder

- Partner General Managers (PGM)
- Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)
- State and Federal Elected Officials (SFO)
- Caltrain Commuter Coalition (C3)



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Project Focus Areas

First 6 Months

Service Vision

- Service
- Business case
- Organization
- Community interface

Second 6 Months

Implementation Plan

- Business Plan development
- Funding and Implementation Plan





Meeting Look-Ahead

August



Service planning: Elements critical to designing a rail service

Service Vision: Assumptions and priorities

Exploring the corridor-community interface

September

Travel market assessment

Economic and community benefits of Caltrain



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