Caltrain Electrification Update

San Francisco Transportation Authority

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Agenda Item 9





Electrification Project Overview



Transition from Diesel to Electric First Electric Commuter Railroad in CA

- 25KV Overhead Contact System (used by highspeed rail system)
- 19 EMU 7-car trainsets (replaces 75% of diesel fleet)
- Two-Speed Check signal system (approved by FRA, UP and CHSRA)





Timeline





Shovels in the Ground

- Foundations: All 3,092 foundations complete (January 2022)
- Poles: Installation to be completed early 2023
- Traction Power Facilities: All 10 facilities to be completed 2023
- Wire: Installation to be completed 2023
- Signal Work / System Integration and Testing: 2022-2024

Revenue Service: September 2024



Foundations



Overhead Catenary System



Electric Trains

- Trainsets 1 & 2 on Property : March 2022
- Trainsets 3 & 4 on Property: August 2022
- Train Arrival Celebration Event: September 2022
- Start Dynamic Testing: Late 2022
- Public Tours: 2023

Revenue Service: September 2024



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Electric Trains Have Arrived! Key Events 2022/2023















Cost and Funding



Project Funding Need

CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT FUNDING PLAN **Funding Gap** \$410,000,000 16.8% Local \$193,146,533 7.9% Regional Federal \$59,430,000 \$1,030,076,000 2.4% 42.2% State \$750,000,000 30.7%



Original Funding Plan

Funding Source	Amount	%
FTA Core Capacity	\$647,000,000	32.67%
FTA Section 5307 (EMU only)*	\$315,000,000	15.91%
FTA Section 5307 (Environmental/Pre-Development Only)	\$15,676,000	0.79%
Prop 1A	\$600,000,000	30.30%
High Speed Rail Cap and Trade	\$113,000,000	5.71%
Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program	\$20,000,000	1.01%
Prop 1B (Public Transportation Modernization & Improvement Account)	\$8,000,000	0.40%
Bridge Toll Funds (RM1/RM2)	\$39,430,000	1.99%
Carl Moyer	\$20,000,000	1.01%
SFCTA/SFMTA**	\$41,382,178	2.09%
SMCTA Measure A	\$41,382,178	2.09%
VTA Measure A	\$41,382,177	2.09%
Santa Clara (VTA) 7-Party MOU Contribution	\$20,000,000	1.01%
San Francisco 7-Party MOU Contribution	\$20,000,000	1.01%
San Mateo (SMCTA) 7-Party MOU Contribution	\$20,000,000	1.01%
Caltrain Low Carbon Transit Operations Cap and Trade	\$9,000,000	0.45%
Prior Local Contribution	\$9,000,000	0.45%
Total	\$1,980,252,533	

NOTES:

* Includes necessary fund transfer with SMCTA

** Includes \$4M CMAQ Transfer considered part of SF local contribution



Funding Update (\$410M Need)

State Targets (Highest Certainty)

- FY23 State Budget
 - \$10.9B transportation package over 4 years
 - \$900 \$1.2B available for existing projects outside of Southern California that meet certain criteria: Caltrain Electrification eligible
 - Announcement of awards expected January 2023

• Federal Targets (Uncertain)

- Supplemental FTA Capital Investment Grants Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) funding
 - \$51M in House passed THUD Appropriations Bill
- "Community Project" funding
 - \$10M included Senate THUD Appropriations Draft Bill by Senators Feinstein and Padilla
- FRA Federal State Partnership for Intercity Rail grant program (in partnership with HSR)
 - Advocating for beneficial NOFO criteria; NOFO likely out in October 2022



Funding Update (\$410M Need)

- Caltrain Electrification will be successfully completed in 2 years, if additional funding is secured. The project has been in construction for 5 years, half of the time during a pandemic that resulted in many challenges but now the project is almost complete.
- Additional funding is critical for project cash flow. The timing of the receipt of the full \$410M is important as the Caltrain electrification project will run out of cash in the June 2023 timeframe and Caltrain has pledged to the JPB members (VTA, SamTrans, San Francisco) and MTC that it will not call on the \$200M super-contingency to fill that gap.
- Filling the \$410M project funding gap will directly benefit the **3 counties and State of California** that are highly invested in electrifying Caltrain. Caltrain Electrification is also a needed requirement for the Downtown Extension, Diridon Station rebuild and California High-Speed Rail Project
- Securing the full \$410M would help Caltrain complete this project without increasing its debt load which could further constrain ongoing operations/State of Good Repair. Caltrain issued \$150M in debt to help pay for Electrification, which created a \$10M/year operating debt expense for 30 years (and is accounted for in the agency's updated financial projections).
 - As a last alternative, if Caltrain issues more debt in an attempt to finance the remaining Electrification \$200M deficit, this will further burden the railroad operations at an estimated \$15M/year for 30 years. (This is not currently accounted for in the agency's updated financial projections.)



Project Support

- US Senators: Feinstein, Padilla
- US Reps: Pelosi, Eshoo, Speier, Lofgren, Khanna
- State Senators: Wiener, Becker, Laird
- State Assembly: Mullin, Berman, Chui, Lee, Kalra, Ting, Low, Rivas, Wieckowski, Stone
- California Governor
- 21 Local Jurisdictions along the Corridor including Mayors Breed (San Francisco) and Liccardo (San Jose)
- Silicon Valley large and small employers; Labor
- Transportation and environmental advocates
- Caltrain riders





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Background Information



Caltrain Corridor Overview



Caltrain Corridor

- 77 miles of track from end to end
- 31 stations
- Bi-directional commute
- 41 at-grade crossings
- Pre-pandemic:
 - 7th largest commuter rail in the country
 - 70% farebox recovery
 - Over 18 million Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT) in 2019
 - Frequently overcrowded trains, standing room only



Corridor Growth 40% Increase

By 2040, an additional 1.2 million people will work and live within 2 miles of the Caltrain corridor.



2040 Vision Zero Emission Future



Caltrain's 2040 future service vision supports regional growth, arrival of highspeed rail, and more equitable, sustainable service.



Transformational Moment

Electrification will help Caltrain become a cleaner, more efficient component of the transportation network.



Locomotive - Locomotive #11 of the San Francisco and San Jose Railroad. Circa 1870.





Electric 2024

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Diesel 1950s to present

Steam 1860s

A Connected Future

- Electrified Caltrain corridor will enable additional investments expanding the Bay Area intercity rail network.
- Existing and future tenants
 - Capital Corridor (Amtrak)
 - Altamont Corridor Express
 - California High Speed Rail
- Expansion projects
 - San Francisco Downtown Extension
 - San Jose Diridon Station Rebuild
 - Grade Separations



California High-Speed Rail, Draft Business Plan, Pg. 23



Electrification Project Benefits



Safety

- Crash energy management technology (meets FRA Alternate Compliance requirements for mixed traffic).
- Crash absorption system protecting train driver and passengers (meets FRA crashworthiness standard).
- Latest generation of vehicle control systems including detailed diagnostic features.
- Improved braking performance.



Sustainability

- Eliminates 2.09 million tons of carbon emissions.
- Future Caltrain will carry equivalent of 5½ lanes of freeway traffic.

SUSTAINABILITY

Replacing old diesel trains with new electric trains will reduce GHG emmissions and improve air quality





Energy Independence

- Reduce dependance on foreign energy sources; Rely on cleaner, renewable domestic energy sources.
- California committed to renewable and zero-carbon energy resources supplying 100% electric retail sales to customers by 2045.
- EMU trains include regenerative braking for additional energy savings





Equity

- Decreases emissions and noise pollution in communities of concern
- Benefits disadvantaged communities:
 - San Francisco (Bayview)
 - Santa Clara
 - Redwood City
 - San Bruno
 - South San Francisco
- Improves mid-day and off-peak service for essential workers
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Economic Growth and Job Creation

33,000 Jobs Created in 36 States





Buy America Compliant

- Stadler (Switzerland based company) opened first facility in the US with guarantee of Caltrain Electrification Project contract
- Stadler Salt Lake City Facility:
 - 400+ employees
 - Local apprenticeship program
- Additional foreign suppliers opening US locations in order to be Buy America compliant



