# Caltrain Electrification Update

San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board Meeting

**February 27, 2024** 

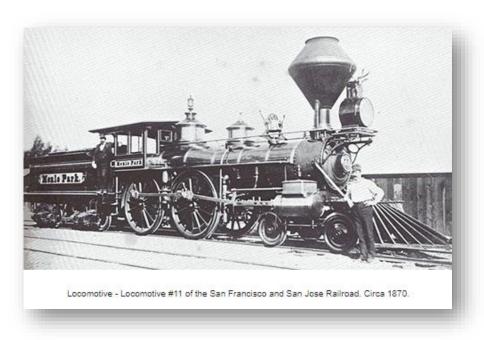




# **Transformational Moment**

First Time in 30 years any US system fully converted from diesel to electric system

### 160-Year-Old History of Caltrain's Passenger Rail







Steam 1860s

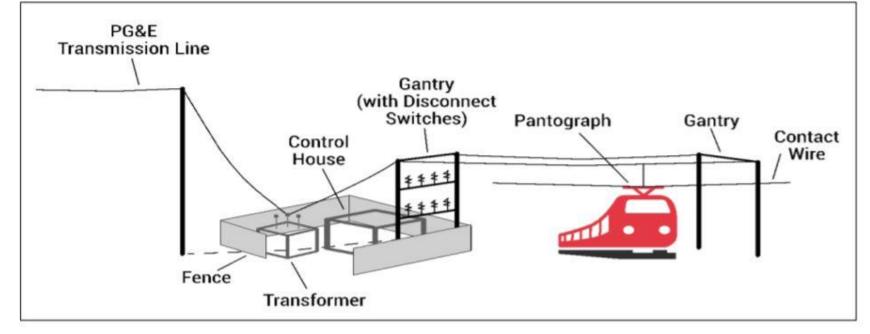
Diesel 1950s to present

Electric 2024

# **Transition from Diesel to Electric**

## First Electric Commuter Railroad in CA

- 25KV Overhead Contact System (used by highspeed rail system)
- 23 Electric Trainsets
- Two-Speed Check signal system (approved by Federal Railroad Administration, Union Pacific and CA High Speed Rail)





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# **Key Milestones**

## **Complete:**

- Foundations (3,000+)
- Poles (2,500+)
- Traction Power Facilities (10)
- Overhead Wire (2.5 million feet)
- Upgraded the Signal System San Francisco to San Jose (31 at grade crossings)
- Energized: Mountain View to San Jose (15 miles)
- 8 trainsets on Caltrain property (1,000 mile passed by 4 trains)
- Over 1,000 First Responders Trained

## **Upcoming:**

- Repairs of Winter Storm Damage
- Full Corridor Energized (Spring 2024)
- Additional trainsets on property and testing (Spring Fall 2024)
- Soft Launch (Summer 2024)
- Passenger Service: September 2024







## Top Risks

- Contractor Quality Control and Quality Assurance
- Theft of Impedance Bonds Cables
- Contractor Overhead Contact System Productivity
- Traction Power Energization and Short Circuit Testing (TPS-1)
- Timely Completion of Integrated Testing and Live Runs



# **Project Budget**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F) = (D) + (E)
Description of Work	Re-Baseline Budget	Current Budget	Cost This Month	Cost To Date	Estimate To Complete	Estimate At Completion
Electrification	\$1,097,149,881	\$1,094,958,881	\$5,228,468	\$1,024,348,284	\$68,980,596	\$1,093,328,881
EMU Procurement	\$556,072,601	\$564,986,271	\$4,620,386	\$462,211,880	\$102,774,391	\$564,986,271
Minor Construction Contracts ( SSF, 25th Grade, Tunnel, CEMOF, SCADA, Non-BBI OCS)	\$67,055,072	\$68,091,194	\$0	\$64,972,201	\$2,353,867	\$67,326,067
Real Estate Acquisition & Support	\$34,914,177	\$34,914,177	\$292,003	\$24,883,289	\$10,030,889	\$34,914,177
PG&E, Utilities	\$132,088,994	\$132,088,994	\$6,388	\$207,547,623	-\$74,621,629	\$132,925,994
Management Oversight & Support	\$312,699,697	\$315,007,767	\$2,983,304	\$293,127,153	\$21,880,614	\$315,007,767
TASI Support	\$114,488,767	\$136,528,469	\$2,698,913	\$115,864,211	\$25,013,112	\$140,877,323
Finance Charges	\$9,898,638	\$9,898,638	\$373,315	\$11,009,861	\$458,669	\$11,468,530
Insurance	\$6,581,851	\$6,581,851	\$0	\$6,291,001	\$290,850	\$6,581,851
Other Required Projects & Services	\$9,084,176	\$10,484,176	\$21,341	\$6,014,442	\$4,669,734	\$10,684,176
Environmental Mitigation	\$14,438,866	\$13,038,866	\$2,882	\$1,307,851	\$9,961,123	\$11,268,974
Caltrain Capital Overhead (ICAP)	\$48,217,887	\$48,217,887	\$594,356	\$29,976,839	\$18,241,049	\$48,217,887
Contingency	\$40,000,089	\$7,893,525	\$0	\$0	\$5,102,797	\$5,102,797
Total	\$2,442,690,697	\$2,442,690,697	\$16,821,354	\$2,247,554,636	\$195,136,061	\$2,442,690,697

Notes: "Re-Baseline Budget" includes executed change orders and awarded contracts;



<sup>&</sup>quot;Cost This Month" represents cost of work performed December 2023;

<sup>&</sup>quot;Cost To Date" includes actuals (amount paid) and accruals (amount of work performed) as of December 2023;

<sup>&</sup>quot;Contingency" budget is drawn down and transferred to other elements after CMB approvals as reflected in the Estimate at Completion.

# **Project Contingency and Shared Risk Pool**

Item	Amount	Drawn in December 2023	Drawn To Date	Amount Remaining
BBII Shared Risk Pool	\$50.00M	\$0.35M	\$15.40M	\$34.60M
Project Contingency	\$40.00M	\$0.00M	\$32.11M	\$7.89M
Total	\$90.00M	\$0.35M	\$47.51M	\$42.49M



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## **Electrified Service Plan Benefits**

## Improved service for all riders



### **Get There Faster**

Express from SF to SJ in under an hour

Quicker local service, 75 minutes instead of 100

Save nearly 30 minutes on trips from Southern Santa Clara County to SF



### Ride More, Wait Less

Half-hourly service during weekends and off-peak, more service during peak

20% more train service

26% more train service at equity priority stations

## PIH

## **First Class for Everyone**

Free Wi-Fi

Smoother, quieter experience

Outlets at every seat

Digital trip information onboard

Spacious, accessible bathrooms



## **Clean and Green**

GHG emissions reduced by 250K MTCO2 annually – equivalent to taking 55,000 cars off the road each year

Improves local air quality

Quieter trains, both onboard and off



# **Electrified Service Plan Benefits**

## San Francisco

#### FINAL ELECTRIFIED CALTRAIN SERVICE FOR SAN FRANCISCO

STATIONS	STATION STOPS	CURRENT SERVICE	ELECTRIFIED SERVICE
SAN FRANCISCO	Stops per Weekday	104	104
	Weekday Stops per Peak Hour*	4	4
	Weekday Stops per Off Peak Hour	2	2
22ND STREET	Stops per Weekday	91	104
	Weekday Stops per Peak Hour*	4	4
	Weekday Stops per Off Peak Hour	2	2
BAYSHORE	Stops per Weekday	46	75
	Weekday Stops per Peak Hour*	1	2
	Weekday Stops per Off Peak Hour	1	2

\*PEAK HOURS VARY BY STATION, GENERALLY COVERING 6:30AM-9:30AM AND 3PM-7PM ON WEEKDAYS.
NOTE: TRAVEL TIMES MAY CHANGE PENDING FURTHER ELECTRIC TRAIN TESTING.



Electric Train Public Tours – Over 8,000 People Attended San Jose – August 2023; San Francisco – September 2023

(Photos Below); San Mateo County - Spring 2024













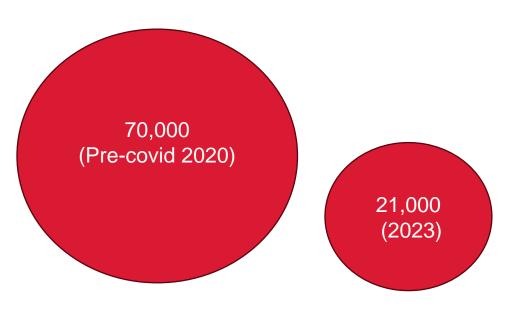




# Caltrain Fiscal Cliff Update



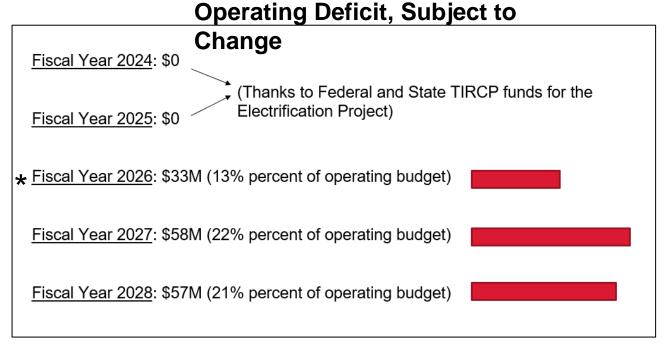
# Caltrain Ridership / Fiscal Challenges



## Average Daily Riders

#### **Notes:**

- Farebox Recovery 74% (2020); 30% (2023)
- 20+ closures in 2023 for electrification construction
- Average weekday ridership increased by 14% compared to the same month in prior year



\* Current MTC recommendation \$25M, reduce deficit to \$8M in FY26



# Ridership Growth / Cost Containment Actions

- Board Adopted Equity, Growth, and Recovery Policy
- Revised schedule: Standard and balanced schedule, focused on more midday, evening and weekend service (diversify ridership)
- Regional Coordination: coordinated transfers, better signage Millbrae,
   GM group, Bay Pass participation, Clipper Start
- Pass Forward Program: Bringing in new riders by providing free passes for low-income and equity priority community riders
- Fare promotions: \$1 youth; hybrid worker pass; 50% off ticket sales
- Customer Experience: 300 new bicycle eLockers, new ticket options, new visual display signs being installed, positive brand recognition
- Cost Containment: Smaller trainsets, scheduling efficiencies, reduced overtime
- Electrification Planned 2024





## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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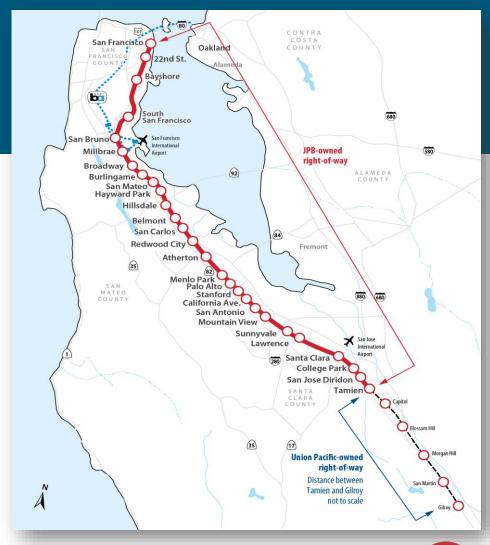


# **Caltrain Corridor Overview**



# **Caltrain Corridor**

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





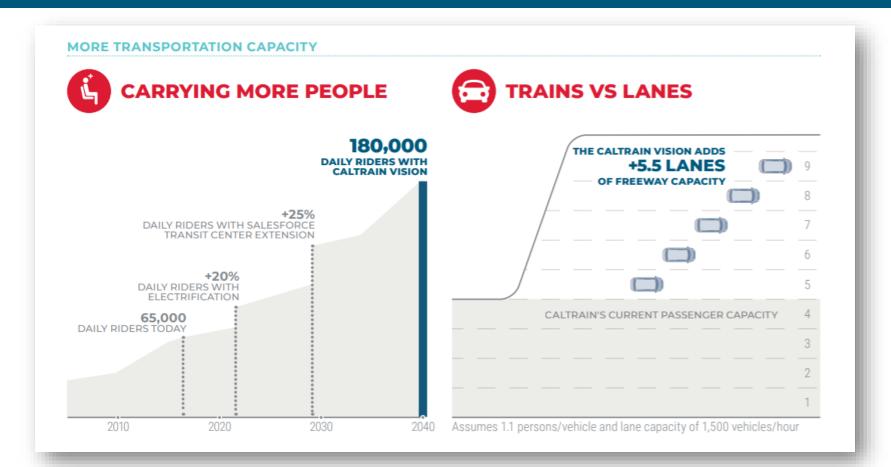
## Corridor Growth 40% Increase

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





# 2040 Vision Zero Emission Future

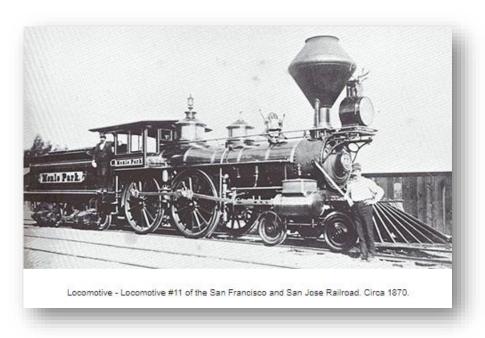


Caltrain's 2040 future service vision supports regional growth, arrival of highspeed rail, and more equitable, sustainable service.



# **Transformational Moment**

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







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# **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.



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

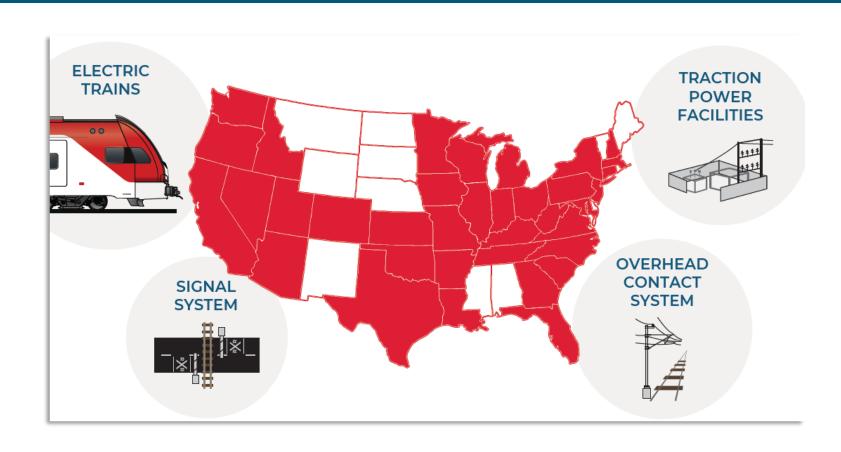


# **Equity**

- 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

# **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



