

Caltrain Electrification Construction

BELMONT/SAN CARLOS FACT SHEET | Work Segment 2.2, October 2017



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Over the last decade, Caltrain has experienced a substantial increase in ridership and anticipates further increases in ridership demand as the Bay Area's population grows. Caltrain Electrification, scheduled to be operational by 2021, will electrify and upgrade the performance, operating efficiency, capacity, safety and reliability of Caltrain's commuter rail service.

Caltrain electrification is a key component of the Caltrain Modernization Program and consists of converting Caltrain from a diesel-hauled to Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) train system for services between the Fourth and King Street Station in San Francisco and the Tamien Station in San Jose. The project will include the installation of new electrical infrastructure and the purchase of electric vehicles.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Beginning in October 2017, Caltrain will be performing work along the railroad corridor in Belmont and San Carlos.

The anticipated activities during this time include locating underground utilities, testing soil conditions, inspecting signal/communication equipment, pruning/removing trees and installing foundations in preparation for the installation and operation of the Overhead Contact System that will power electric trains.

Tree pruning and removal will start in the late fall of 2017 and continue for 1-2 months. After tree pruning/removal occurs, crews will begin work on the foundations for the overhead contact system. Foundation work is expected to occur in summer 2018 and continue for 3-4 months. Activities for the foundation construction will include excavation, placement of rebar, concrete fill and electrical grounding. Crews will return to the area later in 2018 to install the poles and wires for the Overhead Contact System.

Work will take place during the day and at night, with night work occurring between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. There may also be occasional 24-hour work on weekends. Caltrain will work with contractors to minimize night work to limit the impact to surrounding communities; however, some work must be performed at night in order to maintain regular Caltrain service. To mitigate noise and other impacts during night and weekend activities, the field team will utilize acoustical noise barrier blankets and will position lights away from residential and business areas. Caltrain has established a dedicated project hotline and email for residents concerned about these potential impacts.

TREE PRUNING AND REMOVAL ACTIVITIES

In order to establish a safety zone for the overhead power system, some trees within the Caltrain right-of-way and near the project area will need to be pruned or removed. Caltrain will provide a replacement tree for any trees that are trimmed more than 25% or removed as a result of the project. The newly planted trees will be maintained for a period of 5 years.

BELMONT TREE WORK

- Private Property
 - Two (2) trees will be removed
 - Two (2) protected trees will be pruned by greater than 25%
 - Two (2) trees on private property will be pruned by less than 25% within the Belmont city limits.
- Public Property
 - Five (5) trees on city property will be pruned by less than 25% within the Belmont city limits.
- Caltrain right-of-way
 - Twenty-three (23) trees on Caltrain right-of-way will be removed
 - Eight (8) trees will be pruned by greater than 25%
 - Twelve (12) trees will be pruned by less than 25%.



Removed trees and trees pruned by greater than 25% will be replaced according to the Tree Minimization and Replacement Plan.

SAN CARLOS TREE WORK

- Private Property
 - No trees on private property will be affected.
- Public Property
 - Ten (10) trees on city property will be removed
 - No trees will be pruned by greater than 25%
 - Forty-three (43) trees on city property will be pruned by less than 25% within the San Carlos city limits.
- Caltrain right-of-way
 - One (1) tree on Caltrain right-of-way will be removed
 - Seventeen (17) trees will be pruned by greater than 25%
 - Nine (9) trees will be pruned by less than 25%.



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PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Caltrain has established a project information line and project e-mail for Caltrain Electrification to record and respond to questions and comments from residents and stakeholders.

The project information line can be reached at **650.399.9659** or toll free at **800.660.4287**.

The project e-mail is calmod@Caltrain.com

In addition, Caltrain has established a community outreach office at:

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A project representative will be available to answer questions in person from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays during construction.

Weekly construction updates can be found online at:
www.caltrain.com/pcepconstruction

WORK AREA:





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