Caltrain Launches Did You Know? Campaign About Rail Corridor

Did you know that more people ride Caltrain daily than live in Greenland? Did you know that Abraham Lincoln was President when the railroad began carrying riders 150 years ago?

Interesting facts like these are all part of Caltrain’s new “Did You Know?” public education campaign, which kicks off today, February 19.

Visitors to CalMod.org/Did-You-Know can watch a short informational cartoon about Caltrain’s past, present and future—and learn about what’s in store for riders once the corridor becomes electrified in 2022.

Facebook users can also test their knowledge by taking a quiz for a chance at prizes like a Caltrain T-shirt and pre-loaded Clipper card. Be on the lookout for the quiz on the Caltrain Facebook page.

Construction for Caltrain Electrification began last year, and will see the electrification of the Caltrain corridor between San Francisco and San Jose. The project will replace 75 percent of diesel service with new high-performance electric trains that will reduce air pollution and provide cleaner, quieter, more efficient, and better service to more passengers.

The Caltrain Modernization (CalMod) Program includes electrification and other projects that will upgrade the performance, efficiency, capacity, safety and reliability of Caltrain’s service. Electrification provides the foundation that future CalMod improvements are based on, including full conversion to an electric fleet, platform and station improvements, the extension of service to Downtown San Francisco, and other projects that allow Caltrain to grow and evolve with the Bay Area.

For more information, visit www.CalMod.org.

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About Caltrain: Owned and operated by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Caltrain provides commuter rail service from San Francisco to San Jose, with limited commute service to Gilroy. Caltrain enjoyed more than five
years of consecutive monthly ridership increases, surpassing more than 65,000 average weekday riders. While the Joint Powers Board assumed operating responsibilities for the service in 1992, the railroad celebrated 150 years of continuous passenger service in 2014. Planning for the next 150 years of Peninsula rail service, Caltrain is on pace to electrify the system, reduce diesel emissions by 97 percent by 2040 and add more service to more stations.

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