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Caltrain to Hold Public Meeting on Electrification in Sunnyvale

Caltrain will host a community meeting to discuss how continued construction for the Caltrain Electrification project will affect Sunnyvale. The meeting will take place at Washington Park at 840 West Washington Avenue on Monday, September 17, at 6 p.m.

Construction activities began along the Caltrain right-of-way in Sunnyvale this month. These activities consist of utility potholing, tree pruning/removal and the installation of the overhead contact system foundations. Caltrain staff will also give an overview of the Caltrain Business Plan.

The Caltrain Electrification project is a key component of the Caltrain Modernization Program that will electrify the corridor from the San Francisco Caltrain Station at 4th and King streets to approximately the Tamien Station in San Jose, and replace diesel-hauled trains with electric trains. Electrification will improve Caltrain's system performance, enable more frequent and/or faster train service, and reduce long-term environmental impact by reducing noise, improving regional air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Caltrain Electrification is scheduled to be operational by 2022.

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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