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Caltrain Suspends Weekend Service to San Francisco for Electrification Work

From October 6 to late spring 2019, trains will not serve the San Francisco or 22nd Street stations on weekends in order to accommodate [construction](#) in tunnels that is needed for the Caltrain Electrification project. Trains will originate and terminate at the Bayshore Station. Free SamTrans [bus service](#) will be provided to connect Caltrain riders traveling from Bayshore Station to 22nd Street and San Francisco stations during this time.

Bus schedules are included in Caltrain's [weekend timetable](#). Buses are ADA accessible and will have limited onboard capacity for luggage and bikes. Details regarding station impacts, ticketing, transit alternatives and special events during the tunnel closures are available at: caltrain.com/SFWeekendClosure.

During the weekend closures, riders may want to consider other available public transit options:

- Caltrain connects to BART at the [Millbrae Transit Center](#)
- SamTrans' [ECR](#) and ECR Rapid connect San Mateo County to [Daly City](#) BART
- MUNI's [8-Bayshore](#), [9-San Bruno](#) and [T-Third Street](#) light rail line all serve the Bayshore Caltrain Station
- SamTrans' [292](#), [397](#) and [398](#) connect San Mateo County to the [Salesforce Transit Center](#) (these routes are temporarily connecting to 201 Folsom Street between Beale and Main streets)
- VTA [181](#) goes from San Jose Diridon to [Fremont](#) and [Warm Springs](#) BART
- [Amtrak Capitol Corridor](#) connects from San Jose Diridon and Santa Clara stations to [Coliseum](#) BART.

The suspension of weekend service in San Francisco needs to begin on October 6 to avoid impacting service during the San Francisco Giants' baseball season. Construction and the corresponding service closure will impact other special events including Fleet Week, the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Music Festival and Stanford and 49er football home games, all of which are scheduled for the October 6-7 weekend.

Due to large crowds anticipated over this weekend, riders should allow extra time and plan accordingly, or consider other transit options, as the buses might not have the capacity necessary for the larger crowds.

Regular Caltrain weekend service will be restored and will originate and terminate at the San Francisco Caltrain Station at 4th and King streets on the weekend of January 5 and 6, 2019 to accommodate the events leading up to the 2019 College Football Playoff National Championship game at Levi's Stadium on January 7.

All work in the tunnels is scheduled to be completed prior to the Monday morning rush hour commute. In the event of a possible disruption to weekday service, Caltrain will alert the public through the media and its social media channels. Riders are encouraged to keep an eye on the [Caltrain Twitter account](#) for potential disruptions.

"Caltrain thanks our riders for their patience during this period of necessary construction," said Caltrain Chief Operating Officer Michelle Bouchard. "The end result of this construction will be a faster, cleaner, more efficient system that will benefit everyone on the Peninsula."

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.

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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 has enjoyed more than five years of consecutive monthly ridership increases, surpassing more than 65,000 average weekday riders earlier this year. 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 corridor, reduce diesel emissions by 97 percent by 2040 and add more service to more stations.

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