Caltrain, SDMTS increase rail service in California

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Caltrain in San Francisco and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (SDMTS) today increased weekday rail service to accommodate more riders as shelter-in-place restrictions ease in California.

Caltrain will operate 70 six-car trains per weekday, up from 42 since March. The commuter railroad will also increase service frequency to three trains per hour during the peak commute times.

The additional capacity will accommodate more riders while also maintaining onboard physical distancing, Caltrain officials said in a press release.

Caltrain also is bringing back its skip-stop service, which runs trains with fewer stops to reduce travel times and increase passenger flow at high-traffic stations to avoid crowding.
Additionally, Caltrain is working with the Bay Area Rapid Transit and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to support and align with connections between operators.

Meanwhile, SDMTS increased weekday midday service on its University of California-San Diego Blue light-rail line.

The service increase was initiated to accommodate growing ridership since the week of April 20 on the Blue Line. Average weekday ridership has increased 28 percent since then, topping out at 25,367 the week of June 1, SDMTS officials said in a press release.