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Caltrain's tunnel work for the weekend is expected to be completed by 4 a.m., Monday, March 9. Weekday service will proceed as normal for the morning commute.

From February 22 through March 29, Caltrain will perform weekend work on the four train tunnels in San Francisco to pave the way for [Caltrain Electrification](#) and to bring the tracks to a state of good repair. In order to accommodate the new electric trains, crews will install the overhead catenary system that will power the new electric trains. During work weekends, SamTrans will be providing [free bus service](#) to connect Caltrain riders traveling between the San Francisco Station, 22nd Street Station, and Bayshore Station.

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 commute service to Gilroy. Caltrain has 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 corridor, reduce diesel emissions by 97 percent by 2040 and add more service to more stations.

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