



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Editor's Note: Please have reporters RSVP for this event by text or email liebermand@samtrans.com by close of business Friday, September 22.

Get On Board Caltrain's New Electric Fleet In San Francisco

What: Public Tour of Caltrain's new Electric Trains

When: Saturday, September 29, 2023, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.: Media Access

10:00 a.m.: Public Tour begins

Where: San Francisco Caltrain Station, 700 4th Street, San Francisco

Who: EmCee: Chair Jeff Gee, Caltrain Board of Directors

Michelle Bouchard, Caltrain Executive Director

State Senator Scott Weiner, Senate District 11

Assemblymember Phil Ting, Assembly District 19

Assemblymember Diane Papan, Assembly District 21

San Francisco Supervisor and SFCTA Board Chair Rafael Mandelman, District 8

San Francisco Supervisor Matt Dorsey, District 6

FTA Regional Administrator Ray Tellis

Stadler US President and CEO Martin Ritter

3800+ Excited Railfans

Why: In 2017, Caltrain broke ground on its Electrification Project. In 2019, the Stadler Plant in Salt Lake City, Utah, which was built because of the Electrification Project, began production of the electric trains that will provide service on the electrified corridor when it launches in 2024. With the start of service just around the corner, Caltrain has decided that this is the perfect opportunity to invite the public to [get onboard](#) and see Caltrain's state-of-the-art fleet by putting two full trainsets on display. Attendees can see the new trains, as well as enjoying food trucks, vendor booths and a live DJ that will be on hand for the event.

Caltrain's historic Electrification Project is the first undertaking in North America in a generation in which diesel trains and their infrastructure components are transitioned to an electrified system. The project will improve the customer experience by increasing the number of trains, modernizing service and adding new safety elements. The new trains will feature on board displays with digital trip information, increased storage capacities, baby-changing tables, Wi-Fi and power outlets at every seat.

Electrification will also help meet ambitious regional and state climate action goals by lowering greenhouse gas emissions,

improving air quality and relieving traffic congestion. Additionally, electrified service will advance equity along the corridor by reducing noise and air pollution while increasing access for priority equity communities. It will also set the framework for California's future High Speed Rail network that will run on the Caltrain corridor.

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About Caltrain: Owned and operated by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Caltrain provides rail service from San Francisco to San Jose, with commute service to Gilroy. Serving the region since 1863, Caltrain is the oldest continually operating rail system west of the Mississippi. Looking to the future, Caltrain is set to electrify the corridor by 2024, which will reduce diesel emissions and add more service to more stations while advancing the agency's equity goals.

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