CALTRAIN BUSINESS PLAN

A 2040 VISION FOR THE CORRIDOR



Daily Riders 62,000



Caltrain is one of the busiest commuter rail systems in the country and demand for our service is growing.

The Caltrain Business Plan is a joint effort with agency partners and communities along the corridor to plan for this growth. The Business Plan will help us develop a better understanding of the region's future transportation needs and will identify opportunities and strategies for how the Caltrain system can help.

WHY THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE CORRIDOR?

The Bay Area population and economy have continued to grow, leading to:



Traffic congestion and longer, unreliable commutes



Over-crowded trains



Increased cost of transportation and housing

Caltrain provides a cost effective, convenient alternative to driving and connects jobs and housing, but the system will need to grow to meet current and future demand.



Electrification of the Caltrain corridor is already underway and will allow Caltrain to run faster, more frequent service while reducing noise and emissions.



Electrification also creates the potential for expanded Caltrain service that will meet the current and future needs of our region. The Business Plan will identify the best strategies for maximizing this potential by developing a long-term service vision for the corridor, defining the infrastructure needed to support that service vision, and identifying opportunities to fund the implementation of these improvements.

WHAT IS THE CALTRAIN BUSINESS PLAN?

The Caltrain Business Plan includes four major focus areas that address key questions shaping the future of the railroad:



SERVICE

What is the best service Caltrain can provide to meet the needs of our customers and the communities we serve? How many trains should we run? How do we best match service to riders' needs? What infrastructure improvements will be needed to provide the service? How can Caltrain effectively connect to other transit services?



COMMUNITY

What are the benefits and impacts of increasing service on the corridor to each community? How can we work together to grow the railroad in a way that balances the needs of all communities along the corridor with the need to expand service and operate a safe and efficient railroad? How can we ensure this planning process and the outcomes are equitable?



BUSINESS CASE

Why should we choose one service vision over another? How can we maximize the value of current and future investments in the Caltrain corridor? How much will the service cost to operate? How will we fund it?



ORGANIZATION

What is the best organizational structure for overseeing and growing Caltrain service in the future?



WHO IS INVOLVED?

The Caltrain Business Plan is a collaborative effort led by Caltrain with funding and participation from Stanford University and other organizations. We understand that each of the local jurisdictions we serve has a unique set of priorities, projects, and plans for growth. We are working closely with policymakers, stakeholders, Caltrain riders, and community members to make sure the Caltrain Business Plan considers everyone's needs.

WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?



Public Outreach and Feedback

FOR MORE INFORMATION

We recognize that Caltrain is woven into the diverse communities we serve and want to hear from you about your needs and what you'd like Caltrain service to look like in the future.

Check the project website for ways to get involved, regular project updates, and a calendar of events.





