

Caltrain

Overview

Caltrain is a 77.2-mile daily commuter rail service from San Francisco to San Jose, with weekday commute-hour service to Gilroy. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is a member agency of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB), which owns the railroad tracks between San Francisco and Tamien station in San Jose. The VTA secured trackage rights to Gilroy from the Union Pacific Railroad, which owns those tracks. Caltrain operates 98 weekday trains (48 round trips) between San Francisco and the San Jose Diridon station, with 48 trains continuing south to the Tamien station.



Weekday service is comprised of 22 Baby Bullet express trains, 48 Limited-stop trains and 28 Local trains. The stations along the Gilroy extension are served by three round-trips. Baby Bullet trains travel between San Jose and San Francisco in less than one hour. Weekend service operates between the San Jose Diridon station and San Francisco with 32 trains on Saturday and 28 trains on Sunday. Shuttle bus service is operated on the weekends between the Tamien and Diridon stations.

Ridership:	44,800 average weekday ridership (YTD FY09); 11.9 million annual (FY08)
Equipment:	29 diesel locomotives and 118 regular service bi-level passenger cars. All train sets have bicycle, restroom and wheelchair accommodations.
Stations:	32 stations; two in San Francisco, 14 in San Mateo County and 16 in Santa Clara County.
Shuttle Service:	33 shuttle routes serve major employment centers from Caltrain stations.
Fares:	Zone system fares increase as the distance traveled increases. A \$7.50 fare is charged for a one-way trip from San Jose Diridon station to San Francisco. (Effective 1/1/09, fare will be \$7.75.)
Governance:	A Joint Powers Agreement among member agencies established the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, with three Board members appointed from each county served by Caltrain.
Member Agencies:	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority San Mateo County Transit District City and County of San Francisco
Funding:	Passenger fares and parking fees, state funds, federal funds and member agency local funds
Managing Agency:	San Mateo County Transit District



Track Owner: San Francisco to Tamien station segment is owned by the JPB. Union Pacific Railroad owns the tracks south of the Tamien station to Gilroy. A trackage rights agreement governs level of service on this segment.

Operator: Amtrak

Future Service: Caltrain is currently planning to electrify the rail line between San Francisco and San Jose by about 2015. Electrification will reduce emissions and travel time. It also will provide a quieter environment for the homes and businesses that have sprung up adjacent to the rail line since its inaugural run in 1863.

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