

Report of the Chair TA CAC Meeting of September 3, 2024

by Barbara Arietta, CAC Chair

On the heels of last month's CAC meeting, Caltrain debuted its new electric fleet on August 10th by hosting a VIP tour for its historic inaugural service.

The event included a 30 minute round trip experience, starting in San Francisco, with the opportunity to engage with federal, state, and local elected officials, as well as transportation, business, labor and community leaders.

The electric trains ran their first regular service on August 11. Additional electric trains will be introduced every week until the launch of the new schedule and full electrified service between San Francisco and San Jose on September 21.

This new electric service will also increase the frequency of trains, which will feature four trains per hour running in each direction during weekday peak periods.

Additionally, week-end service, along with mid-day and evening weekday service will begin running every half hour (compared to the current once an hour rate), making it far easier to use Caltrain to travel to sports games, concerts and other public events.

This new train schedule will make it much more convenient for San Mateo County residents to ~~travel by train~~ [get out of their cars and travel by train, cutting down on both traffic congestion and local air pollution.](#)

INVITATION TO PUBLIC:

[The public is invited to a Community Celebration at the Palo Alto and San Mateo stations on Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22 to enjoy the following:](#)

- [Free Caltrain rides](#)
- [Community Performances](#)
- [Photo Booth](#)
- [Food trucks](#)
- [Games](#)
- [Giveaways](#)

Saturday, September 21, 2024
Palo Alto Station, 2-6 pm
95 University, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Sunday, September 22, 2024
San Mateo Station, 2-6 pm
385 1st Ave, San Mateo, CA 99401