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Life, liberty and the pursuit of outstanding public transportation

Caltrain was just named as one of the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Outstanding Public Transportation Systems, and we're still hard at work trying to make our system safer and more accessible. In this issue, we discuss repairs to the Guadalupe Bridge, the dollar youth fare, and the upcoming Outside Lands music festival.



**Caltrain named
"Outstanding Public
Transportation System"**



Caltrain was named as one of the APTA's outstanding transportation systems, the highest honor an American public transit system can receive.

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12.5 million rides in FY26

Caltrain carried more than 12.5 million riders in the last 12 months, marking a 36.9% increase over FY25 while average weekday ridership broke 40,000 for the first time since 2020.



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\$1 youth fare brings young people on board

Caltrain's youth ridership has jumped 26% in the first half of 2026, motivated in no small part by the \$1 Youth Fare for all riders 18 and under.

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Guadalupe Bridge work resumes for dry season

Construction crews resumed work on the Guadalupe River Bridge, with service suspensions between San Jose Diridon

and Tamien Stations coming on the weekends of Aug. 22-23 and Sept. 19-20.



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Over 38,000 Caltrain riders for the World Cup

Caltrain helped more than 38,000 fans get to World Cup matches and events, including the final match between the United States and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Caltrain carried big crowds for the Fourth of July

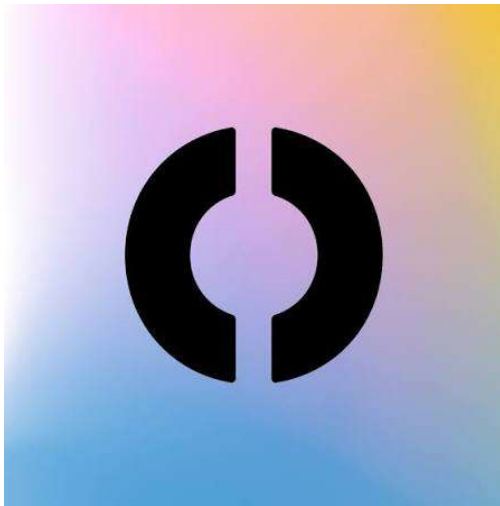
Caltrain carried more than 14,000 riders to and from Fourth of July celebrations and was able to provide an additional train at the last minute to ensure everyone got home on time, celebrating their independence from traffic.



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Allcove offers support to youth near Hillsdale Station

Allcove is a youth wellness center offering a host of services for young people, and



it's easily accessible via Caltrain located a brief walk from Hillsdale Station.

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Connections to art at Stanford every half hour

Stanford University's Cantor Arts Center and Anderson Collection offer impressive collections of art from around the world — and are located just a short walk from Palo Alto Station.



[Learn More about Art at Stanford](#)



Caltrain plans for Outside Lands

Outside Lands is coming to Golden Gate Park on Aug. 7-9, and Caltrain will take attendees to San Francisco Station, just a short walk from the Muni N-Judah.

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- Aug. 6 - [Caltrain Board Meeting](#) - Millbrae Station

- Aug. 7-9 - [Outside Lands](#) - San Francisco Station
- Aug. 21-22 - [Karol G](#) - Mountain View Station



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Dear SMCTD Board and CAC,

Thank you for your service to the County's transportation needs.

The SMCTD Board's liaison report to the TA Board recently mentioned 14 "preventable accidents." I am writing to request that SMCTD and other transportation bodies in the County cease using the term "accident" and instead use crash or collision. Over the past twenty years or so, many government agencies, press outlets, and others have ceased using the term "accident". An accident is defined as an event that is unforeseen or without an apparent cause. Note that most crashes occur due to distraction, impairment, excessive speed, failure to yield, etc. - all of which are known dangers. If the crashes are preventable they aren't accidents.

While this may seem like unnecessary wordsmithing, words matter. Failing to acknowledge the established danger on our streets and our ability to prevent these tragedies leads to complacency and acceptance. With hundreds of SM County residents dying on our roads in the last decade, this is unacceptable. We can and must take action as these crashes are preventable.

Thanks,

Mike Swire
San Mateo, CA



Emphasizing Preventability

"Accident" is typically understood to be unpredictable—a chance occurrence that is void of fault and therefore unavoidable. "Crash" underscores that these events are preventable and result from specific choices, actions and environments, rather than just chance. This language reminds us that individuals and organizations have the power to make roads safer.

Promoting Accountability

The word "crash" avoids suggesting that collisions are simply unavoidable. It invites a closer look at the factors involved and holds those responsible accountable when necessary.

Focusing on Solutions

Recognizing crashes as preventable helps us to identify their root causes and implement more effective solutions. This approach supports a data-driven collective commitment to improving roadway safety.

Changing Perceptions

The words we use affect how we think about issues. Replacing "accident" with "crash" helps shift the public's mindset toward collective prevention and responsibility in roadway safety.

Supporting Victims

For those affected by traffic violence, "accident" can sound dismissive, downplaying the seriousness of their experience. "Crash" better acknowledges the impact and severity of these incidents.

Aligning with Expert Consensus

Leading transportation agencies, safety organizations, and media outlets have adopted "crash" as the preferred term. Using this language consistently strengthens our collective efforts to improve roadway safety and save lives.

Let's embrace this exciting and positive change together!

By using the word "crash," we are acknowledging our power to prevent these incidents and holding ourselves accountable for the safety of our roads. Together, we can make a difference and pave the way towards a future with zero traffic deaths.

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