

Caltrain Overview

August 2025





Electrification Launched Nearly 1 Year Ago

Over 15,000 RSVPs; Events in Every City Along the Corridor



Service Overview

- Faster: Local & Express (60 mins San Francisco – San Jose)
- More Frequent: Service every 30 minutes 7 days a week, with additional express service during rush hour (every 15-20 minutes)
- Better Experience: Free wi-fi, outlets at every seat, bathrooms, digital displays, quieter inside and outside the trains
- Reliable: On-Time Performance over 95%

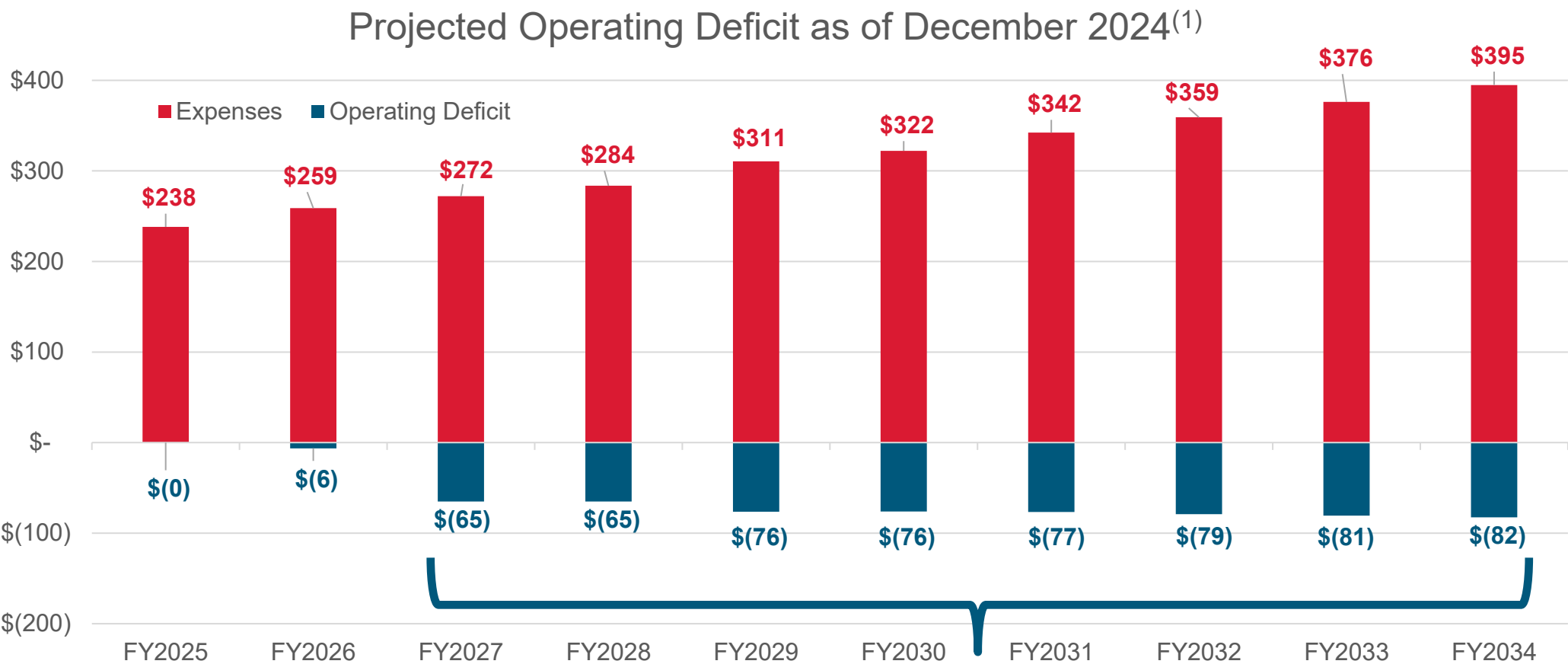


Ridership

- Over 75% increase (July 2024 to July 2025)
- Over 1 million riders (July monthly total)
- Weekend ridership highest ever
- Strong Giants ridership (May-July exceeded 2019)
- Positive Brand (safe, reliable, frequent; 82% favorability voters & 91% riders)
- Ridership compared to 2019 - nearly 65%
 - 2019, over 70% operating revenue from fares
 - Ridership trends are positive, but not enough to ensure financial sustainability



Operating Budget With Deficit



Average Annual Deficit = \$75M/yr

Ridership Growth / Cost Containment

Ridership Growth Strategies

- **Electrification Launch:** Over 75% ridership growth July 2024 to July 2025
- **Fare Programs:** \$1 youth; Go Pass Updates (business partnership); Pass Forward
- **Customer Experience:** Wi-fi, service frequency increase, personalized alerts, station repairs, 300 bicycle eLockers, new visual display signs, special event and sport partnerships, positive brand recognition
- **Regional Coordination:** Coordinated transfers, schedule alignment (big sync), fare programs; better signage

Cost Containment Strategies

- Launched internal cost reduction efficiency program
- Freeze on new full-time employees, strategic freeze on existing vacancies
- Implemented crew scheduling efficiencies
- Working with legislature & partners to receive credit for regenerative braking energy (nearly 25% energy back to the grid)



Non-Fare Revenue Strategies

Monetize assets - exploring new revenue sources



Special Events

*Private car
Charter train
Sport events*



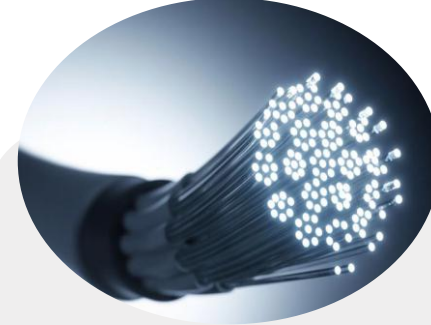
Advertising and Naming Rights

*Expand advertising & media package
train wrapping
naming rights of rolling stock and station asserts*



Solar, Energy Storage Systems, EV Charging Leasing

Solar farm, energy storage facility for traction power and station energy needs



Fiber Optic Cable and Telecommunications Leasing

*Cell tower leasing
fiber leasing*



TOD and Commercial Leasing

*Property conveyance lease
commercial leasing
Transit-Oriented Development*

*1-2 Year Short Term
Estimate \$200K- \$1M*

*2-5 Year Medium Term
Estimate \$5 - \$20M*

*5-20 Year Long Term
Estimate \$5-\$10M*

FY27 Scenarios

Scenario 1: Measure Succeeds

- Maintain and enhance customer experience
- Continue cost containment and reductions related to rail operator costs and Admin FTEs
- Maintain operating transfers for State of Good Repair
- Seek bridge funding until external revenue is available (subject to availability)

Scenario 2: Measure Fails & External Support

- Pursue new funding, including member contributions for operations
- Aggressive cost reduction such as hiring freeze, reduce reliance on consultant support, reduce rail operator costs
- Service cuts

Scenario 3: Measure Fails & No External Funding

- Drastic service cuts including hourly service, reduced operating hours, eliminating sections of service, weekend service, and some station closures
- Reduction in Force

Opportunity: Build on Electrification success, decisions that will benefit future generations.

At-Risk: Service, jobs, economic growth and quality of life.



Questions

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