

### [Caltrain Operator Elects New Leader](#)

Patch.com-Jan 7, 2013

The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board unanimously elected Ken Yeager to be chair of the Board this week. The Stanford alum will add ...

### [Caltrain has plans to raise fees next year](#)

In the next fiscal year, the JPB expects to cover between 45 and 65 percent of its operational costs using fares, that's up from the 38 to 50 percent range that was adopted in 2008.

### [Caltrain kicks off track-vigilance campaign](#)

Palo Alto Online- Jan 11, 2013

After numerous suicides and train-pedestrian accidents, Caltrain is kicking off a year-long campaign to enlist customers in keeping an eye on ...

### [New Train Schedule goes into effect January 14, 2013](#)

Starting January 14, 2013 Capitol Corridor will implement a new train schedule. Below is an overview of some changes that have been made in the new schedule:

### [AMTRAK WINTER-SPRING TIMETABLE NOW AVAILABLE](#)

New schedule effective beginning Jan. 14

### [Sidetracked temporarily](#)

Marinscope Community Newspapers-Jan 9, 2013

Late rail shipments push back construction date

Due to the delays of rail shipment for Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit, three Marin County locations' construction dates were altered Jan. 2.

### [Metrolink's DePallo plans to build on progress, develop long-term ...](#)

Progressive Rail Roding- Jan 10, 2013

Most recently the longtime director and general manager at the Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH), DePallo is a Philadelphia native who began his career at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

### [Amtrak Schedule Changes for Construction this Weekend](#)

San Diego 6- Jan 11, 2013

SAN DIEGO - Trains are not scheduled to run between Oceanside and San Diego this weekend because of construction work in Del Mar.

## **COASTER Trains Will Not Operate Saturday and Sunday, January 12 and 13, 2013**

Due to scheduled demolition work related to the North Torrey Pines Road Bridge over and adjacent to the NCTD rail right-of-way, there will be no rail service south of Oceanside Transit Center (OTC) on Saturday, January 12, and Sunday, January 13.

All rail service will be suspended starting at 12 a.m. on Saturday, January 12 and will resume its regular schedule starting at 5 a.m. Monday, January 14.

**Figure 1-23: Sacramento Amtrak Station – Future Track Relocation**

Source: Tom Dodson & Associates / Google Earth

### Re: Connections from Chief to Philadelphia

For Robert Toole, the best Amtrak route between those two cities is to schedule so that one can use the tri weekly Cardinal. This allows a continuous one train schedule with sleeper and checked baggage.

Sincerely,

Don E Siegal

**A Daily Cardinal would be even better. NB**

### Re:AMTRAK's Allocated Accounting

Thanks for that clear explanation, Noel. Now -- at last! -- I understand how their accounting system works.

Jonathan Elkus

### Re:Hi!

Thank you, eddy

### Re: Lankershim tunnel

I was in Los Angeles back in June and noticed many pedestrians trying to beat the light or continue starting crossing after the lights had started flashing not to. Construction of this tunnel will do good for both the safety of pedestrians and motorists. I've dreaded crossing Lankershim Blvd. there ever since the Orange Line opened. Furthermore, with the increased ridership and numbers on Orange Line buses, it proves that the Orange Line between North Hollywood and Chatsworth should have been built as an extension of the Red Line.

Steven Crosmer

### Re:Metrolink Food Service Baggage Service

**First:** Metrolink service It is high time that weekend Metrolink service be established to Ventura County. Amtrak could reduce their running times on both the Orange county and Ventura County lines if they would just buzz through the unstaffed stations and let Metrolink take care of business there, but let's

coordinate the schedules of the commuter trains to operate in advance of or shortly after Amtrak trains arrive at staffed stations to minimize waits between trains at intermediate stops. Metrolink could also do what GO trans in Toronto does similar to its Lake Shore commuter routes, by running run through trains at Los Angeles. Passengers would enjoy the convenience of NOT having to change trains at Los Angeles.

**Second:** Food service. I was pleased to hear the story about the lamb shanks. Several years ago, I had a plate of Lamb while riding on the Pioneer through Idaho back in 1990. It was a delicious meal. I miss the local cuisine on certain trains. Having the same menu system wide gets boring if you're going to be doing a lot of travel on Amtrak long distance trains several days as a vacation traveler.

**Third:** Baggage service As the new coaches are being built, one innovative idea that I liked for carrying bicycles on trains that I noticed on my last California trip, was the way bikes were carried on the light rail in San Jose. the concept involved having bicycles suspended from hooks on the ceiling. Perhaps a few of these could be placed in the lower level of each coach. The same could be done in the baggage cars and then the need to box up bicycles would be eliminated. Bicyclists could check and claim their bikes as baggage.

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