The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) proposes to extend the Caltrain commuter rail line 2.4-miles from the China Basin/South Park neighborhood near the current Caltrain terminus at Fourth and King Streets to the multi-modal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. The project’s proposed Fourth and Townsend station is near Oracle Park, the home of the San Francisco Giants baseball team. The project’s current estimated capital cost is between $4.4 to $5.0 billion.

The TJPA believes that the project will improve public access to bus and rail service and accommodate projected growth in travel demand in the San Jose–San Francisco corridor. The proposed Project will connect Caltrain’s regional rail system to the California High-Speed Rail Authority’s statewide rail system at the Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco.

The locally preferred alternative (LPA) was completed in March 2003, and NEPA was completed in February 2005 with a Record of Decision (ROD). FTA amended the ROD in July 2019, and the LPA was adopted into the region’s fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in October 2021. The Project expects to enter the Engineering phase in 2023, receive a Full Funding Grant Agreement in 2025 and initiate revenue service in 2031.