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Schematic view of BART and AirTrain systems inside SFO

Over half of all BART passengers will arrive within a five-minute walk of their airport terminal destination approximately 100 feet in front of the departure gates of the new International Terminal, which opened in December 2000. Those traveling to other terminals will have the option of boarding AirTrain located one level above BART and accessible by escalators, elevators and stairs. AirTrain is the airport's own people mover system, which connects the BART station with three AirTrain domestic terminal stations and two AirTrain international terminal stations as well as the new SFO Rental Car Center.

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Schematic section with Caltrain/BART cross platform transfers
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On Saturday, December 7, 2002, approximately 500 people visited the new San Bruno BART Station located at 1151 Huntington Avenue for the Art Unveiling and Open House hosted by the BART and SamTrans Board of Directors and the City of San Bruno. The community-wide celebration featured community leaders, information booths and station tours conducted by BART Operations Liaison Linda Vasquez. Live entertainment was provided by local jazz trio TRE3 and refreshments were donated by local businesses (event sponsors are listed on back page). Jim Van Epps, Executive Manager of the BART-SFO Extension who served as the Master of Ceremonies said, “We were thrilled that so many from the community came out to see the new station and the artwork”. The program included speeches from Tom Margro, BART General Manager, Joel Keller, President of the BART Board of Directors, Michael Scanlon, SamTrans General Manager, Jerry Hill, President of the SamTrans Board of Directors and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, Larry Franzella, Mayor of San Bruno and featured artist Gordon Heuther.

“The life blood of a community is reflected in its art. The red stained glass ribbon that circles the San Bruno Station represents the hope that one day BART will circle the entire Bay Area. The partnership between BART and SamTrans has been a value to the entire county”

Jerry Hill, President, SamTrans Board of Directors and San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

A special highlight of the event was the unveiling of murals by artist Christine Stone and Gordon Heuther. Original public artwork was commissioned and incorporated into the design at each of the new BART stations, fulfilling a requirement of the grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration. This event was the first in a series of community-wide celebrations. Open houses and art unveilings will also be held at the new Millbrae and South San Francisco Stations in the near future.

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TOP PHOTO: GUESTS ENJOY THE NEW STATION AT THE OPEN HOUSE
ABOVE RIGHT: THE ABSTRACT STAINED GLASS MURAL CREATED BY GORDON HEUTHER UNVEILED
As the opening of the BART extension draws near, SamTrans is working on the service plan its buses will provide to the new BART stations, with the goal of maximizing the number of riders using public transportation to access the extension stations.

The route adjustments will be implemented with the opening of the BART stations and will work as follows:

- Mainline Routes 390 and 391 both will serve the Millbrae Intermodal Station and offer skip-stop service to the other BART stations, with the 390 serving the South San Francisco BART Station and the 391 serving the San Bruno BART Station. Peak hour headways for Route 390 will be reduced from 30 to 20 minutes to every 15 to 30 minutes. Peak hour headways for Route 391 will be reduced from every 10 to 20 minutes to every 15 minutes.

- Routes 131 and 32 will be reconfigured to form new Route 132, which will loop around the South San Francisco BART Station and connect to the Serramonte Shopping Center. The route will start at 6 a.m. and end at 7:30 p.m., a half-hour later than the two current routes.

- Route 133 will be reconfigured to serve the Airport Boulevard and Linden Avenue area, the San Bruno and South San Francisco BART stations and to terminate at the Serramonte Shopping Center.

- Routes 122, 130 and 242 will be extended to serve nearby BART stations.

- Routes 34, 40 and 41 will be modified to terminate at the San Bruno BART Station.

SamTrans is confident that these modifications will help riders make fast and easy connections to the new BART stations. For fare or schedule information, please contact SamTrans Customer Service at 1-800-660-4287 (or TDD only 650-508-6448) or visit www.samtrans.com.

**UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE EVENTS WILL FEATURE ARTIST UNVEILINGS**

**MILLBRAE**

Sculptor Scott Donahue has created six larger-than-life size figures made of bronze, concrete and ceramic, which provide an interactive historical exhibit of the Millbrae area for the past 600 years. The sculptures emanate from support columns on the BART train platform. These figures are snapshots of the history of Millbrae from 1325 to the present.

Artists Donna Billick believe that from the time of the earliest cave paintings on rock and molded clay forms, people have always sought to conceptualize themselves and inspire others through artistic expressions using "Rock Art" mediums. The terrazzo benches she designed at the Millbrae Station are her concepts for preserving a perception of ourselves, a means of being remembered and understood by future generations.

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**

Jeff Northam and Rufus Seder designed murals called LifeTiles on each wall of the South San Francisco underground train platform. LifeTiles are movies for the wall: optical glass-tiled murals, which appear to come to life when the observer passes them. LifeTiles contain no moving parts; the illusion of the motion is in the eye of the beholder. The artists believe that everyone will be able to identify with the image on the larger panel to some degree. People will want to stop, sway from side to side, walk to the left and then to the right to make the images move. In a very real sense, the individual walking has complete control over the rate and direction of the images.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

**COLMA**

WORK COMPLETED: All construction is complete for this area.

WORK IN PROGRESS: Testing of trains, train control, communications, electrical and mechanical equipment continues; Clean up and touch up work through all facilities is on going.

WORK ANTICIPATED: There is no more work anticipated for this area.

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**

WORK COMPLETED: The South San Francisco Station is 98% complete.

WORK IN PROGRESS: State inspection and certification of elevators and escalators are underway; Testing of train control, communications, electrical and mechanical equipment continues; Work on the San Bruno Caltrain Station continues; Clean up and touch up work through all facilities is on going.

WORK ANTICIPATED: There is no more work anticipated for this area.

**SAN BRUNO**

WORK COMPLETED: The San Bruno BART Station is 99% complete.

WORK IN PROGRESS: Testing of train control, communications, electrical and mechanical equipment continues; Work on the San Bruno Caltrain Station continues; Clean up and touch up work through all facilities is on going.

WORK ANTICIPATED: There is no more work anticipated for this area.

**SFO**

WORK COMPLETED: The SFO BART Station is 99% complete.

WORK IN PROGRESS: Construction of the BART traction power substation; Installation of electrical systems at the BART platform level of the BART/AirTrain Station; Testing of mechanical and electrical building systems in the BART/AirTrain Station; Clean up and touch up work through all facilities is on going.

WORK ANTICIPATED: There is no more work anticipated for this area.

**MILLBRAE**

WORK COMPLETED: The Millbrae BART Station is 99% complete.

WORK IN PROGRESS: Final inspection and testing of electrical equipment; Testing of train control, communications, electrical and mechanical equipment continues; Work on Millbrae Undercrossing continues; Clean up and touch up work through all facilities is on going.

WORK ANTICIPATED: There is no more work anticipated for this area.

Initial Test Train Run into Millbrae Station