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First rail car to be delivered to Alstom Mare Island

Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 4th, 2009 San Francisco Bay Railroad will move the first Amtrak California cars to Alstom-Mare Island to perform a Caltrans-funded overhaul marking an exciting and important first step in the re-use of the railroad tracks which connect Mare Island to existing California Northern and Union Pacific tracks to the central Vallejo and onto the national railroad grid.

The City of Vallejo is currently in negotiations with San Francisco Bay Railroad to design an agreement which would provide for the long-term operation on the City's railroad spur. Successful negotiations would allow Mare Island businesses to have access to freight service and help support Mare Island's industrial businesses

“The City of Vallejo, Lennar Mare Island, Alstom Mare-Island and the San Francisco Bay Railroad are very excited to move ahead with this phase of Mare Island's development,” said Jason Keadjian, spokesman for Lennar Mare Island, the island's master developer.

Alstom Transportation, Inc. is an international transit company that recently signed a lease for more than 112,000 sq. ft. of office and manufacturing space in Building 599, one of Mare Island's largest structures. The company will be working with Amtrak to refurbish rail cars used for Amtrak's Capitol Corridor service

A welcoming ceremony for the first train is planned for 11am on Wednesday, November 4th, 2009 at Alstom-Mare Island upon arrival of the first cars.

The Address of Alstom-Mare Island is: 450 Pintado St, Vallejo, CA.

Traffic along the *Wichels* causeway may be impacted between 10:30am and 11:30 am, so that persons planning to attend the welcome ceremony should plan to take the Highway 37 exit onto Mare Island.