CAPITOL CORRIDOR

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10 Questions for Capitol Corridor's 10 Millionth Passenger

Name?
Kirk Swenson

How often do you use Capitol Corridor for travel?
On average, four days a week.

What's the purpose of your travel?
I use the Capitol Corridor to get to work.

What stations are your typical origin/destination?
I usually travel between the Davis (home) and Emeryville (work) stations. My office (KCP Technologies) is about a 15-minute walk from the Emeryville train station.

How long does your average ride on Capitol Corridor take?
The train ride is 1-½ hours. It takes me a total of two hours total transit time, door-to-door.

When did you start riding Capitol Corridor and why?
I started riding the Capitol Corridor in mid-April of 2000. My wife and I were living in El Cerrito when she was offered a job in the central valley and became pregnant with our first child. We looked for a way that we could shorten her commute while still allowing me to keep my job in Emeryville. Davis fit the bill specifically because of the convenience of catching the Capitol Corridor train.

What is your favorite feature of the Capitol Corridor?
The tray tables are great, as they allow me to work on the train, but I also enjoy talking with the other passengers and bird watching from the train. My list of bird species seen from the train is nearing 150.

Do you have a favorite item on the Café Car menu?
While I don't often visit the Café car, my favorite item so far is the breakfast burrito.

Do you have a 'usual' seat or car?
I generally find a row that has two seats where I can sit on the water (north) side of the train and I usually end up in the first car.

Why do you continue to take the train instead of driving?
Because of the ability to be able to get work done on the train. Plus, taking the train is less stressful and more pleasant than driving.