

Caltrain State and Federal Legislative Update

JPB AMP Meeting
March 29, 2023



Federal

- President Biden's FY 2024 Budget
 - Flexibility for transit agencies
- Rail Safety Act (S. 576)
 - Would place new regulations on freight rail operators transporting hazardous substances
- FTA Rail Vehicle Replacement Grant Program
 - Caltrain has applied to replace 3 diesel trains with new EMUs
- FRA Corridor ID Program
 - Caltrain submitted a letter of support on behalf of CHSRA's application
- Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program
 - Caltrain planning to apply for Diridon Station, partnering with other DISC members

Federal: Community Project Funding Requests

Federal Appropriations FY 24

- Grade Crossing Improvements Project: \$2.84M
 - Safety improvements at six crossings in 3 counties
- South County Service Wi-Fi: \$2.7M
 - Provide cellular internet service to passengers traveling to and from southern Santa Clara County, including Gilroy, San Martin, and Morgan Hill.
- Next Generation VMS: \$2.92M
 - Current VMS no longer supported by manufacturer.
 - Replace VMS at 17 stations along corridor with modern, customer-friendly VMS with improved maintainability, and modular replacement/repair features.

State

- State Budget
 - Caltrain continues to work with MTC, CTA, and other partners to maintain the previously allocated \$2B for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program that was cut in the Governor's budget as well as address the transit operating fiscal cliff
- Bills
 - Surplus Land Act – SB-747 (Caballero) and AB 480 (Ting)
 - Teleconference Meetings – AB 817 (Pacheco) and AB 557 (Hart)
- CARB In-Use Locomotive Regulation
 - Latest draft released March 1 included a new Alternative Fleet Milestone Option
 - Caltrain submitted comments on March 16

Legislative Proposal: Support AB 463

- AB 463 (Hart) – Electricity: prioritization of service: public transit vehicles.
 - Assemblymember Hart introduced AB 463
 - Bill would require the CPUC to consider the impacts of stopping electrical service to the operation of public transit vehicles when establishing priorities for electrical services that provide public benefits
 - Bill was included in the March 22 hearing in the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee
 - **Recommend Support**

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