

Caltrain State and Federal Legislative Update

JPB AMP Meeting
May 24, 2023



Federal

- Rail Safety Act (S. 576)
 - Would place new regulations on rail operators with hazardous substances on their lines
 - Passed Senate Commerce Committee
- Federal Community Project Requests
 - Congressman Mullin and Congresswoman Eshoo included Caltrain's Grade Crossing Improvements Project (Request: \$2.8M)
 - Project encompasses important safety improvements at six crossings
- Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program
 - Caltrain applied for Diridon Station, partnering with other DISC members SJDOT and VTA with letters of support from MTC and CHSRA

State

- Senate Select Committee on Bay Area Public Transit
 - Caltrain and other agencies presented at hearing on 5/16
- State Budget
 - May Revise did not restore previously allocated \$2B for TIRCP
 - Caltrain working with MTC, CTA, and other partners to maintain previous TIRCP allocation and address the transit operating fiscal cliff
- Bills
 - Surplus Land Act – SB-747 (Caballero) and AB 480 (Ting)
 - Teleconference Meetings – SB 537 (Becker) & AB 557 (Hart)
- CARB In-Use Locomotive Regulation
 - Passed the CARB Board on April 27

Legislative Proposal: Support AB 557

- AB 557 (Hart) – Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.
 - Assemblymember Hart introduced AB 557
 - Bill would remove the January 1, 2024, sunset date on provisions of AB 361 (R. Rivas) which allows local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with Brown Act requirements during a proclaimed state of emergency.
 - Also increases the time period when the Board must renew the findings of an emergency or need for social distancing from 30 days to 45 days.
 - **Recommend Support**

Legislative Proposal: Support AB 1377

- AB 1377 (Friedman) – Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention

Program: Round 3.

- Assemblymember Friedman introduced AB 1377
- Bill would require applicants for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program to include data and a narrative summary of steps taken to improve the delivery of housing and services to people experiencing homelessness on transit properties in their jurisdiction.
- **Recommend Support**

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