

Caltrain State and Federal Legislative Update

JPB AMP Meeting
June 28, 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

- State Budget

- Budget bills passed June 27 include \$5.1B for transit
- Restores previously allocated \$2B for TIRCP
- Includes \$1.1B for Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program with flexibility for use in addressing operating and ZE capital needs
- Funds would be distributed via formula (MTC would likely receive 36.5%)
- Includes accountability measures
- BEMU funding pot is preserved
 - Caltrain has been working with CalSTA and Caltrans to secure funding since 2022 with agreement expected in the coming weeks on a battery-equipped electric multiple unit (BEMU) for the Gilroy service area
 - Caltrain needs the commitment of funding before August 15 to exercise the Stadler option

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