

Caltrain State and Federal Legislative Update

JPB AMP Meeting
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Federal

- Rail Safety Act (S. 576)
 - Would place new regulations on rail operators with hazardous substances on their lines
 - Passed Senate Commerce Committee
- Appropriations Process
 - House and Senate FY24 THUD Bills advanced out of Appropriations Committees
 - The House and Senate are in recess for the month of August. The House will return on September 12, and the Senate will return on September 5
- Federal Community Project Requests
 - \$500k in community project request from Congressman Mullin and \$500k from Congresswoman Eshoo included for Caltrain's Grade Crossing Improvements Project
 - Project encompasses important safety improvements at six crossings

State

- Legislature
 - Legislature returned from Summer Recess on August 14
 - Fiscal bills must pass out of the Appropriations Committee in the second house by September 1
- State Budget
 - The state budget was passed and signed which restores \$2 billion to the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, and commits \$1.1 billion for the newly created Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program which will be distributed by formula and can be used for either operations or capital
 - Guidelines for the TIRCP and ZETCP programs have been released for public comment
- CTC Allocations
 - On August 17, CTC allocated CalSTA awards to Caltrain for \$367M for Electrification and \$80M for a battery-equipped electric multiple unit (BEMU) pilot project

Legislative Proposal: Support SB 410

- SB 410 (Becker) – Powering Up Californians Act.
 - Senator Becker introduced SB 410
 - Bill would make it state policy that investor-owned utilities should do everything needed to prepare the grid for the transportation and building electrification needed to meet “state decarbonization goals and federal, state, regional, and local air quality and decarbonization standards, plans, and regulations.”
 - The bill applies to “light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty vehicles and off-road vehicles, vessels, trains, and equipment.”
 - **Recommend Support**

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