

Caltrain State and Federal Legislative Update

JPB AMP Meeting
November 29, 2023



Federal

- Rail Safety Act (S. 576)
 - Would place new regulations on rail operators with hazardous substances on their lines
 - Expected to go to the Senate floor in the fall
- Appropriations Process
 - On November 2, the Senate passed a FY 2024 "minibus," which combines the FY 2024 Military Construction-VA, Agriculture, and Transportation-HUD appropriations bills.
 - The House attempted to pass its Transportation-HUD bill the week of Nov 6, but pulled the bill after it became clear Republicans did not have the votes to pass it.
 - The House passed a short-term funding bill on Nov 14, moving to avert a government shutdown despite opposition from conservatives. The continuing resolution will fund some parts of the federal government through Jan. 19 and fund the DOD and other remaining parts through Feb. 2.

State

- Legislature
 - The Legislature remains in recess and will return to Sacramento on January 3, 2024
- Bills with Positions
 - SB 410 – Passed
 - ACA 1 – Passed and will go to voters in Nov 2024
 - AB 463 – Held in committee
 - AB 557 – Passed
 - AB 1377 – Passed

Draft 2024 Legislative Program

- Highlights of Additions for 2024:
 - Monitor efforts to extend the Cap-and-Trade program beyond 2030 and impacts to upcoming TIRCP cycles.
 - Monitor ACA 1 and other initiatives on November 2024 ballot.
 - Participate in state and regional efforts to establish authorizing legislation for a regional funding measure
 - Work with CARB to ensure approval of Caltrain's In-Use Locomotive Regulation compliance plan and secure access to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard program

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