

Caltrain State and Federal Legislative Update

JPB AMP Meeting
January 24, 2024



Federal

- Appropriations Process
 - Congress passed a continuing resolution that will fund some parts of the federal government including transportation through March 1 and fund the DOD and other remaining parts through March 8
- Stronger Communities through Better Transit Act
 - Introduced by Rep. Johnson (D-GA) and 64 co-sponsors
 - Would authorize \$20 billion/year in federal matching funds for public transportation operating expenses associated with improving service & ridership
- All Stations Accessibility Program
 - Caltrain is applying to the FTA ASAP program to make 22nd Street Station accessible to those with mobility issues

State

- State Budget

- Governor Newsom released his proposed FY 2024-25 budget
- Budget preserves the \$5.1 billion for transit operations and capital projects secured last year
- Delays appropriation of some of it to help address the state's budget challenges
- Not expected to impact funding to Caltrain from electrification and operations

- Regional Measure Authorizing Language

- Spot bill introduced by Senator Wiener, SB 925
- MTC taking action today on priorities for the regional measure authorizing legislation
- Specific details on expenditures, funding mechanism, and other issues are still TBD

- SB 926 (Wahab)

- Bill seeks to consolidate all Bay Area transit agencies within MTC's jurisdiction

Legislative Proposal: Support AB 817

- AB 817 (Pacheco) – Open Meetings: Teleconferencing: Subsidiary Body
 - Senator Pacheco introduced AB 817
 - Bill would allow a subsidiary body of a local agency to teleconference without meeting all of the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act
 - Pertains to committees/groups that serve exclusively in an advisory capacity
 - **Recommend Support**

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