

Caltrain State and Federal Legislative Update

JPB AMP Meeting
July 24, 2024



Federal

- **H.R. 8996 – Rail Safety Bill**

- Ohio. Chairman Troy Nehls (R-TX) and Ranking Member Seth Moulton (R-MA)
- Would boost funding for the RCE Grant Program to 1.5 billion

- **FRA’s Rail Crossing Elimination Grant Program**

- The NOFO for the RCE program was released on July 9th
- Applications are due by September 23
- \$1.1 billion available in total funding
- No state can receive more than 20%
- The match requirement is 20%

- **Appropriations Update**

- The House has passed four out of the twelve appropriations bills
- The remaining bills, including Transportation-HUD have been marked up by the full House Appropriations Committee and are expected to be voted on by the full House before the end of July
- Senator Padilla has advanced our South County Wifi request.

- **State Budget Update**

- Governor Newsom signed SB 108, amending the earlier budget bill and finalizing the Budget Act of 2024
- On July 2, the Governor signed AB 173 the transportation trailer bill
 - Includes language prioritizing funding for previously awarded grade separations projects and establishes new reporting requirements for agencies to be eligible for SB 125 funds in future budget years
- Together, these bills:
 - Maintain \$4 billion for TIRCP approved in the Budget Act of 2023
 - Maintain \$1.1 billion for ZETCP
 - Provide \$211 million for State-Supported Intercity Passenger Rail Agencies
 - Provide \$6.9 million for the California Integrated Mobility Program
 - Maintain \$150 Million to the Safety Grade Separations Program
 - Restores \$200 million from the General Fund for the Active Transportation Program
 - Restores \$260 million to the Regional Early Action Program

State

- **ACA 1**

- Legislature passed ACA 10, which will replace ACA 1 on the November ballot
- Scaled back version of ACA 1
- Would lower the voter-threshold from two-third to 55 percent for local bonds to fund affordable housing and public infrastructure only, removing all references to special taxes and property-related fees in ACA 1.

- **Bills with Support Positions**

- AB 2503 (Lee) – *Senate Appropriations Committee*
- AB 1837 (Papan) – *No longer advancing*
- AB 817 (Pacheco) – *Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.*

State Legislation: SB 925 (Wiener)

- **SB 925: City and County of San Francisco Merchandising Sales**

- Would authorize the City and County of San Francisco to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the sale of specified merchandise on public property without a permit.
- Need a significant pattern of merchandise being the subject of retail theft and then appearing for sale on public property within San Francisco.

Recommend Support

Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee

Meeting Topic	Date
Confronting the Challenge	June 24
Understanding the Math & Polls	July 29
Constructing the Path(s) Forward	August 26 (tentative)
Confronting the Tradeoffs	September 23 (tentative)
Approve Framework for Transportation Measure	October 21 (tentative)

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