

Caltrain State and Federal Legislative Update

JPB AMP Meeting
January 29, 2025



Federal

- **New Administration in Office Jan 20**
 - President Trump has issued at least 38 Executive Orders.
- **Federal Government Funding Pause OMB Memo**
 - On Jan 27, OMB issued a memo implementing a pause on “all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all Federal financial assistance...”
 - On Jan 28, a federal judge halted the freeze, but the order will expire Feb. 3 at 5 pm
 - On Jan 29, the Administration rescinded the OMB memo but claimed EO's on federal funding remain in full force and effect
- **Federal Workers Offered Payouts to Resign**
 - On Jan 28, the Administration offered ~2 million federal workers the option to resign but be paid through the end of Sept. with a deadline to decide by Feb. 6.
- **Appropriations and Appointments**
 - Continuing Resolution through March 14, 2025.
 - Sean Duffy confirmed as Secretary of Transportation.

Federal

- **Caltrain Federal Funding**

- Caltrain currently has \$60.6M in federal funds that are allocated but not yet received. All of these funds concern capital projects.
- Caltrain is also depending on federal formula funds to fund the order of four EMUs that were purchased in August 2023 as options on the Stadler contract. Most of FY23 and FY24 funds have been expensed but Congress needs to approve budgets for future years including FY25 before funds are accessible.

Caltrain EMU TCP Funding (*\$ millions*)

UZA	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	TOTAL
SF-O			18.1	78.3	20.8	117.3
SJO	12.8	17.6	13.9	14.5		58.7
TOTAL	12.8	17.6	32.0	92.8	20.8	176.0

State

- **Legislative Update**

- Legislature reconvened for the continuation of the 2025-26 Regular Legislative Session on Jan 6
- Continuing to work with partners on Caltrain's regenerative braking issue
- Tracking SB 71 (Wiener) and SB 79 (Wiener)

- **Budget Update**

- On Jan 10, the full budget was released
- Improved fiscal outlook: \$322.3B proposed investment with modest surplus: \$363M; reserves: \$16.9B
- Status quo funding for formula-based programs such as TIRCP and ZETCP

- **EPA Waiver Requests Withdrawn**

- California withdrew the requests for waivers for the In-Use Locomotive Regulation and the Advanced Clean Fleet Regulation
- Further guidance is expected from CARB in the near future

Regional Measure

- **SB 63 (Wiener) Intent language released:**
 - "It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation authorizing a revenue measure to invest in transportation, including to, at a minimum, sustain and improve public transportation, in the San Francisco Bay area. It is the further intent of the Legislature that the details of this authorizing legislation, including the specific geography of the measure, be based on continued stakeholder engagement and consensus building, building off of a robust regional engagement process led by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in 2024."
- **MTC Polling results expected on Feb 14 at Legislative Committee**
- **Caltrain poll results also expected mid February**

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