

Resolutions to Support Caltrain's Applications to the Measure W Regional Transit Connection

**JPB Finance Committee
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About SMCTA Measure W Regional Transit Connection Grant Program

The purpose of this program is to fund transit improvements that connect San Mateo County with Alameda County, San Francisco County, and Santa Clara County.

Caltrain's role as a key regional transit link connecting San Mateo County with Santa Clara and San Francisco Counties positions it as a highly competitive applicant.

Caltrain applies for four funding requests for this first cycle
Total funding request is between 21.3M and 26.3M.



Request 1: Initiate the Environmental Phase of the Redwood City 4-Track Station and Grade Separation Project

Description:

- Following the completion of the current scoping phase, Caltrain, in partnership with the City of Redwood City will continue into the environmental phase.
- The four-track station and expanded track right-of-way are critical components to advancing the Adopted Long-Range Service Vision that will allow transfer between Express and Local Trains.

Funding Request: \$13,500,000 funding request, with a 10% local match required of \$1,500,000.

Request 2: Operating Funding for Increased Weekend Services

Description:

- Supports expanded weekend service operations made possible by electrification from hourly to 30-minute frequencies
- Offer substantial improvements in mobility and regional connectivity for San Mateo County residents and neighboring counties.
- Requesting operating funds to sustain this enhanced level of service.

Funding Request: Between \$5M and \$10M dependent of funding availability.

Request 3: Station Safety and Access Assessment and Improvements in San Mateo County

Description:

- This project will improve the safety, accessibility, and overall comfort of Caltrain stations.
- Planning study to identify “last 50 feet” access, safety and wayfinding enhancements near up to four stations
- Include a pilot program for CCTV installation at stations
- The effort aligns with Caltrain’s safety commitment and its access policy.

Funding Request: \$1,800,000 Funding Request, with a 10% local match required of \$200,000.



Request 4: First and Last Mile Station Access Planning Study in San Mateo County

Description:

- Develop a first/last-mile plan that identifies and prioritizes active transportation improvements within a half-mile radius of Caltrain stations in San Mateo County.
- Key activities will include reviewing existing station access plans, conducting interviews with local stakeholders, and performing on-site assessments.

Funding Request: \$1M. This request does not require matching funds.

In this initial round, SMCTA is providing seed funding to each transit agency to develop a prioritized plan for first- and last-mile connections.



Board Action

Resolutions to Support Caltrain's application to the Cycle 1 Measure W Regional Transit Connection Program of San Mateo County Transportation Authority for:

- An amount of \$13,500,000 to initiate the Environmental Phase of the **Redwood City 4-Track Station and Grade Separation Project**
- An amount between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 to support **operating funding for increased weekend service.**
- An amount of \$1,800,000 for a **Station Safety and Access Assessment and Improvements** in San Mateo County.
- An amount of \$1,000,000 for a **First and Last Mile Station Access Planning Study** in San Mateo County.



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