

Allocation of Regional Transit Measure Funds Earmarked for Caltrain

**Special JPB Meeting
July 23, 2025**



Background

- On May 1, 2025, the JPB voted to endorse SB 63 and directed staff to provide technical assistance to the authors
- Chair Heminger established a Governance Ad Hoc Committee (Abe-Koga, Gee, Heminger) to discuss potential amendments to the JPA
- After several meetings, the Ad Hoc Committee shifted its focus to a member agency contribution formula under the JPA and then narrowed its focus further to the allocation of funds earmarked for Caltrain under a potential regional transit measure to be authorized by SB 63
- On July 21st, the Ad Hoc Committee unanimously agreed to support terms for the allocation of regional transit measure funds

Background

- Earlier today, Senators Weiner and Arreguin sent a letter to MTC, members of the Legislature, and a broad array of local transportation officials describing the expenditure plan for SB 63
- The letter proposes an allocation of 7% or \$75M for Caltrain
- The letter states that it "is not intended to set a new precedent for locally governed funding relationships"

Regional Transit Measure Allocation Terms

1. **Funding Target:** The funding target for Caltrain in the regional transit measure should be **approximately \$75 million**, which Caltrain will use to fund its operating expenses, and which will serve as a cap on contributions from the regional transit measure and member agencies for the duration of the measure.
2. **Allocation Formula:** The annual allocation of these regional funds among the Caltrain member agencies should be **approximately: \$32.5 million for Santa Clara County, \$32.5 million for San Mateo County, and \$10 million for the City and County of San Francisco**. The precise amounts will be specified in the bill text. This allocation between member agencies is for the sole use of SB 63 and will not set a precedent for future allocations.

Regional Transit Measure Allocation Terms

- 3. Allocation Formula Limits:** This allocation formula should be limited to the term of the regional transit measure and should not set a precedent regarding potential amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).
- 4. Future JPA Discussions:** The member agencies will resume discussions concerning potential JPA amendments with the goal of resolving inconsistencies and ambiguities and eliminating duplicative agreements.
- 5. Commitment to New Path Forward:** The JPB recognizes SamTrans's investment in the acquisition of the right-of-way, its leadership during times of crisis, and the challenges the member agencies have faced as a partnership. The JPB is committed to finding a new path forward where we can work better together on behalf of our riders.

Recommendation

- Endorse Proposed Allocation Terms

Questions / Discussion

Key Dates and Meetings for SB 63

- July 30: CCAG Meeting
- July 30: SMCTA Meeting
- August 1: VTA Board Workshop
- August 6: SamTrans Board Meeting
- August 7: VTA Board Meeting
- August 7: Caltrain Board Meeting
- August 11: Deadline for counties to opt in to the measure
- August 29: Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to floor
- September 2: Potential for bill to return to Assembly Transportation Committee
- September 5: Last day to amend bill on the floor
- September 12: Last day for each house to pass bills
- October 12: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills