

# ***Receive State and Federal Legislative Update***

**JPB AMP Committee  
August 27th, 2025**



# Federal

## Appropriations

- Congress unlikely to pass all 12 appropriations bills before federal funding expires September 30.
- Congress to consider a CR to avoid a shutdown on October 1.

## Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- Caltrain preparing comments to DOT on upcoming surface transportation bill.

## Administration Update

- On August 7, President Trump signed EO: “[Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking](#).”
- Order requires a Trump Administration appointee to review funding opportunity announcements and grant awards.

# State Legislative Update

## Legislative Schedule

- Aug 29: Appropriations committees' suspense file hearings
- Aug 29: Last day to hear and pass bills from fiscal committees to floor of each house
- Sept 5: last day to amend bills on the floor.
- Sept 12: last day for each house to pass bills.
- Oct 12: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills.

## CalSTA Transit Transformation Task Force Meeting

- Met on Aug 1 and Aug 26 to discuss section drafts [Tranche 1](#) and [Tranche 2](#).
- Finalized report to the Legislature by Oct 31
- Drafts sections of the report are creating concern over lack of attention to the need for state funding for public transit.
- MTC, BART, SF Bay Ferry, Napa Valley Transportation Authority, Bay Area Council, Seamless Bay Area and Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority are representing Bay Area on the Task Force

# State – Cap & Invest

- Currently renewed through 2030 via AB 398
- **HSR proposal:** \$1B minimum
- **Both proposals:**
  - Extend Cap-and-Trade through 2045 and impose new legislative oversight
- **Assembly proposal (inserted in AB 1207)**
  - Defers funding allocation decisions but vision is transit programs would receive percentage
  - Moves from continuous appropriations (TIRCP, LCTOP) to short-term multiyear investments
- **Senate proposal (not yet bill language)**
  - Includes proposal to cap continuous expenditures such as TIRCP and LCTOP at 2023 levels
- **Caltrain Impacts**
  - Caltrain receives \$2.5M/year in operations funding from LCTOP
  - Many capital projects along Caltrain's corridor would be seeking funds from TIRCP
  - Caltrain received \$387M from TIRCP for the PCEP project

# State – Cap & Invest

- **Northern California factsheet highlighting potential investments in HSR bookend projects:**
  - San Jose Diridon Station Project, connection to BART Silicon Valley
  - Grade Separation and Crossing Safety Upgrades, including Broadway Burlingame
  - San Francisco the Portal Project
  - Fourth & King Railyard
  - Electrification: San Jose to Gilroy

# HSR Progress Report

- CHSRA released a [report](#) on Aug 22 detailing three potential business case scenarios
- Report details plan to connect SF to Northern LA by early 2038
- Highlights potential partnerships to advance Gilroy to SJ, UP corridor improvements
- Recommends state prioritize funding areas with greatest populations, ridership and revenue potential

Exhibit 1.2: San Francisco – Gilroy – Palmdale Service Map

## Scenario 1: Merced – Bakersfield (Underway)

## Scenario 2: Gilroy – Bakersfield

- Utilizing existing Caltrain infrastructure and a coordinated state solution to connect SJ to Gilroy

## Scenario 3: Gilroy – Palmdale

- Two hourly high-speed trains from SF to Palmdale

*“Successful implementation of the Gilroy – Bakersfield and Gilroy – Palmdale scenarios will depend on a coordinated state solution to access and improve the Union Pacific rail line between Gilroy and San Jose.”*





# SB 63 (Wiener and Arreguín)

## **SB 63 (Wiener and Arreguín): Transportation Revenue Measure**

- San Mateo and Santa Clara counties opted in (5 counties in the measure)
- 14-year measure, revenue plan 7% for Caltrain (approximately \$75M in FY31)
- Additional accountability measures for agencies that are receiving assistance, including Caltrain

### Timeline

- 8/29 – Deadline to be heard in Appropriations Committee and sent to the floor.
- 9/2 – Expected to return to Assembly Transportation Committee
- 9/5 – Last day bill can be amended
- 9/12 – Deadline to pass legislature



# SB 125 funds and Transit Operations Loan

## **SB 125 funds**

- Caltrain is supposed to receive \$10M from the SB 125 funds allocated by MTC as part of the \$25.4M allocated to Caltrain to avert an operations financial crisis in FY 2026
- There is discussion in the legislature about the possible revoking of the remaining SB 125 funds.

## **State Transit Operations Loan for the Bay Area**

- Trailer bill included \$750M loan option for 4 Bay Area transit agencies to bridge operations needs in FY 27 in anticipation of a regional measure.
- Caltrain and other agencies as well as BAC, SAMCEDA, SPUR and others have advocated for workable loan terms that would allow for preservation of transit service.

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