

***Receive State and
Federal Legislative
Update and
Consider Position
on Legislation: SB
667 (Archuleta)***

**JPB AMP Meeting
March 25, 2026**



Federal

Congress and Appropriations

- Congress needs funding package; DOT and other parts of the federal government funded through Sept 30 congressional deadline
- DHS remains shut down over policy and funding disputes
- Congress has opened member portals for community project funding/Congressionally directed spending, programmatic, and language requests

Surface Transportation Reauthorization – APTA priorities

- **Increase Funding** – Invest \$138 billion in public transit and \$130 billion in passenger rail over five years to restore purchasing power lost to inflation and drive the projected \$140 billion in annual economic impact
- **Streamline Project Delivery** – including authorizing advanced real property acquisition for public transit and passenger rail projects and calls to grant public transit agencies additional authorities to streamline the environmental review for public transit and passenger rail projects
- **Strengthen Local Decision-Making** – Providing direct funding to public transit agencies in small urbanized areas

Federal

Administration Update

- The Senate voted 56-33 to confirm Ryan McCormack to be Undersecretary for Policy at DOT

DOT Announces FIFA Public Transportation Funding

- On March 3, Secretary Duffy announced \$100.3 million in funding to enhance public transportation in the 2026 FIFA World Cup Host Cities.
- Eligible uses include planning, capital, and operating expenses. The funds allow for a 100 percent Federal share.
- Funds apportioned to host cities by a formula, accounting for stadium capacity and number of matches.
- Transit agencies may take advantage of the funding by working with the designated recipient.

State

Legislative Update

- Bill introduction deadline was February 20th. Assembly spot bills to be amended by March 6th; Senate by March 25.

Budget Update

- A dozen legislators submitted statewide requests to budget leadership urging that the budget include critical transit funding including requests to:
 - Appropriate the planned \$230 million investment in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) for the Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) in FY 2026-27;
 - Reaffirm the state's commitment to appropriate \$460 million in GGRF dollars to the ZETCP in FY 2027-28; and,
 - Establish funding certainty for the Transit and Intercity Capital Rail Program and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.

TIRCP

- Final guidelines for TIRCP Cycle 8 have been released; capacity is estimated is at least \$950 million.

SB 667 (Archuleta) – *Recommend Oppose*

SB 667 (Archuleta) – Wayside Detectors

- Requires wayside defect detectors at prescribed intervals and imposes operational limits on freight railroads if detectors are not installed.
- Freight trains would be required to operate at 10 mph on corridor segments without compliant detector coverage, which would impact UPRR trains on Caltrain track.
- Implications for Caltrain both on owned ROW and on the segment south of Tamien
- SB 667 is aimed at freight rail safety, but freight operating responses could materially affect Caltrain service on shared infrastructure.
- Opposed by Metrolink, Capitol Corridor, STA and SJJPA.

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