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**JPB Meeting
October 1, 2026**



Federal

Federal Budget

- Congress passed CR to extend funding and temporarily block OMB proposed rule through Dec. 11

THUD Bills / Appropriations

- Caltrain Safety Enhancement Projects – Community project requests moving forward with Sen. Schiff (\$5M); Rep. Liccardo (\$1M); Rep. Mullin (\$250k)
- House THUD bill - \$16.51B total budgetary resources for FTA, \$201M below FY26 enacted levels
- Senate has not released THUD bill draft

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (STR) - highways, transit and rail

- IIJA advanced appropriations not extended – STR to expire Sept 30
- House BUILD America 250 Act (HR 8870), not yet to the floor
- Senate has not released STR version yet - not expected until after election

Federal Grants

Awarded:

- All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP): Caltrain awarded \$14.2M from FTA ASAP for 22nd Street Station accessibility improvements

Submitted:

- FRA Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements program (CRISI) – \$23M request to support the Next Generation Train Control System Project
- FRA Rail Crossing Elimination (RCE) – request to support the Burlingame Broadway Grade Separation Project, consistent with the Corridor Crossing Strategy
- USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – request to support the Middle Avenue Undercrossing Project

State: Legislation

Bills with Caltrain Support Positions awaiting signature by the Governor

- SB 741 (Blakespear) – LCTOP administrative streamlining
- SB 1375 (Cortese) – CEQA exemption that would apply to Diridon Station Project
- AB 1941 (Gonzalez) – Additional penalties/tools to combat organized metal theft
- AB 2308 (Haney) – Expanded financing tools for TJPA

FY 2027 Legislative Session Efforts

- Diridon Station Project Construction Authority – Caltrain engaging with partners on pursuing legislation for a construction authority
- Cap-and-invest GGRF – Pursue short and long-term efforts to address transit funding in FY 28

State Grants

Submitted:

- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) – Caltrain partnering with Capitol Corridor to advance a package of projects under the Statewide Enhanced Rail Vehicles and Integrated Connections (SERVICES) Program.
- Award announcements expected before end of year

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