

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) Liaison Report  
Meeting of September 4, 2025**

**Report of the Executive Director** - Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director, provided a report which included the following:

- Caltrain Safety Roadshows promoting safety culture and knowledge
- August 16 conducted full-scale emergency exercise
- August on-time performance (OTP) at 93 percent; July ridership over 1 million riders
- 19th trainset scheduled to arrive late September
- Joint letter from transit agencies to Senators Scott Wiener and Jesse Gabriel regarding State Loan Terms
- Special events ridership increased
- Proposed fare changes; upcoming public hearing and public meetings at Citizens Advisory Committee, Finance Committee, and Board of Directors

Chair Heminger presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Bouchard commemorating her 10-year anniversary with Caltrain.

**JPB Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items:**

- Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2025
- Award a Master Service Agreement of Train Control System to Wabtec Transportation System, LLC for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$3,982,553 for a Five-Year Term\*
- Award a Cooperative Purchasing Contract to ParkMobile, LLC to Provide Mobile App Parking Services Through November 2029 for an Estimated Amount of \$900,000\*
- Authorize the Disposition of Three Nippon Sharyo Gallery Cars and One General Motors-EMD F40 Diesel Locomotive
- Authorize Execution of Amendment Number 2 to Contract 23-J-C-040 with Flatiron-Herzog Joint Venture for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Support Services and Amendment Number 5 to Contract 23-J-P-041 with Mark Thomas for Designer Services for Broadway Burlingame Grade Separation Project 65 Percent Redesign\*
- Authorize Executive Director to Execute Lease Agreement with Caltrans for Three Locomotives, Three Cab Cars, and 13 Coach Cars\*
- Authorize Execution of Funding Agreements with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for Use of Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Regional Measure 3 and Measure B Funds for the Environmental Phase of the Diridon Station Redevelopment Project and Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget to Increase It From \$34,831,992 to \$66,491,608\*\*
- Award a Contract for Diridon Station Redevelopment Project Environmental Phase Services to ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc. for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$21,101,357 for a Three-Year

Base Term, with up to Two Additional One-Year Option Terms for up to \$1 Million per Option Year\*

**Proclamation in Honor of Railroad Safety and Suicide Prevention Month** – Tasha Bartolomew, Director, Communications, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Local suicide prevention partnerships in all three countries served
- Safety and suicide prevention improvements and activities
- Upcoming activities include rail safety blitz, suicide prevention employee training, and social media messaging

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- Security fencing in Palo Alto; pilot for safety and security measures that improved vehicle accidental and deliberate intrusions
- Community efforts to address suicides

**Receive State and Federal Legislative Update, Discuss Cap-and-Invest Program, and Consider Staff Recommendation Regarding Identification of Projects for Inclusion in the Program** –

Casey Fromson, Chief of Staff, Jason Baker, Director of Government and Communication Affairs, and Devon Ryan, Government Affairs Officer provided the presentation that included the following information:

Federal

- Presidential Executive Order “Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking”; previously awarded grants to undergo review for compliance with Federal Administration guidelines; Caltrain currently does not have grants impacted; staff actively tracking
- State
- October 12 last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Transit Transportation Task Force; finalized report due by October 31; report underplays need for funding and transit fiscal crisis; Task Force members directly asking for state operations funding
- California High Speed Rail (CHSR) Progress Report – connect San Francisco to North Los Angeles by early 2038

Cap-and-Invest Program

- Governor proposal of minimum \$1 billion for California High Speed Rail (HSR)
- Proposal to extend Cap-and-Invest from 2030 to 2045 but does not accommodate previous expenditure levels
- Bay Area delegation’s CHSR bookend investment request \$2.2 billion through 2045 inclusive of Caltrain’s Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project

- Expand Caltrain legislative position for expenditure framework to a higher level to be inclusive of projects to be funded by CHSF bookend funding

#### Senate Bill (SB) 63

- San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties opted-in; anticipate bill will have additional amendments
- SB 125 funds allocated to Caltrain and monies not distributed yet; discussion in legislature to possibly revoke funds up to \$10 million
- Transit Operations Loan – if not all five counties opt-in to SB 63, jeopardize eligibility to get loan; if a county serviced by Caltrain opt-out, no dedicated money for Caltrain in the measure

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- Shovel-ready projects, grant funds leveraging, and plan funding for mega-projects
- Grade-separation project safety and transportation network functionality
- Caltrain legislative position was referred to the JPB Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Committee for a special meeting during the week of September 8

**Receive Update Regarding The Portal / Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) Project** – Sherry Bullock, Interim Chief, Design and Construction, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Initial revenue service anticipated 2035
- Caltrain/Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Master Cooperative Agreement under development; due Fall 2026
- Updated project cost estimate reduced from \$8.25 billion to \$7.57 billion
- Risks include securing local funding; utility relocation construction; securing right-of-way access; and security third-party agreements
- Risk mitigation efforts review schedule, cost management, simply tracking system delivery

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- Cost-estimate reduced with adjusted scope; eliminate unnecessary platforms; improved vertical circulation; shorten tunnel stud
- Track and system integrity; Caltrain and CHSR need safety accountability as operators of the track
- Project schedule and timing of progress based on funding availability
- Federal funding source stability; federal grant currently under review
- Project impact if federal funding revoked; strategy to continue project forward
- Progressive design-build approach; risk sharing; cost reduction innovation

- Contracting methods benefits and shortfalls; relationship with contractors; integrated project delivery team

**Monthly Reports were provided on the following items:**

- Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee – Adrian Brandt, Chair, provided an update, which included the following:
  - New and reappointed CAC members
  - Quarterly safety updates; license plate reading enforcement at crossings pilot
  - Ridership report
  - Wheel flats
  - Rail Sentry notification process
  - Quiet car considerations; CAC suggestions provided
- Report of the Chair – Chair Heminger stated there was no report.
- Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) – Chair Burt stated there was no report.
- Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) - Chair Gee reported the TJPA is amending leases for downtown activity, August 16 was 7th anniversary for Salesforce Center, and 2026 officer elections and Chair Gee elected to continue as Chairman of the Board.