

Caltrain 3-County 1/8 Cent Sales Tax Proposal: Update



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Caltrain Passes Rules/Bylaws Resolution

- On August 6, the Caltrain Joint Powers Board (JPB) passed 2 resolutions
 - Rules/Bylaws resolution, which addresses all governance issues
 - Resolution approving the 1/8 cent sales tax, without conditions
- The Rules/Bylaws resolution includes provisions in the SF BOS Caltrain Sales Tax Resolution 334-20 adopted on 7/28
- Previously, San Mateo Board of Supervisors and SamTrans Board had passed the original sales tax measure resolution.
- This week, the SFMTA, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Santa Clara VTA have also approved the Caltrain sales tax resolution without conditions

JPB Rules/Bylaws Changes

1. In each fiscal year the JPB may approve up to \$40 million in sales tax revenue for operations or capital repair with approval of 5 JPB members
2. More than \$40 million may be expended in any year with approval of 6 JPB members (2/3 of the JPB Board)
3. Once a governance solution is found and the Joint Powers Agreement is amended, revenues may be allocated with approval of 5 JPB members
4. Governance reform shall include authority over appointment of the Executive Director following reimbursement of SamTrans for its investment in Caltrain

JPB Rules/Bylaws Changes, continued

5. JPB will recommend a governance structure or procedures by December 31, 2021
6. The member agencies will initiate repayment of SamTrans, including engaging with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and if the sales tax passes, will prioritize repayment
7. The JPB shall appoint an independent counsel and auditor (separate from SamTrans) by January 2021
8. Allows for items to be placed on the JPB agenda at the request of two JPB members

Caltrain Sales Tax Proposal Summary

- 1/8 cent sales tax, November 2020 ballot
- Requires 2/3 combined vote across San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara counties
- ~\$108 million/year for operating and capital needs
- Revenues prioritized to fund Caltrain operations and state of good repair needs that will provide relief to annual member contributions
- August 7 deadline to place on ballot

Timeline for Sales Tax Measure Approvals

SamTrans Board - April 1

San Mateo Board of Supervisors - May 20

Santa Clara Board of Supervisors - August 4

SFMTA Board - August 5

Joint Powers Board - August 6 (both sales tax resolution & rules/bylaws resolution)

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority - August 6

San Francisco Board of Supervisors - **Friday, August 7**