Flexible State Rail Assistance Funding

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Total Funding Awarded: $66.58 million

Total Projects Awarded: 9 projects throughout California

Funding Years (FY): FY 2020-21 through FY 2025-26 as well as forecasted revenues FY 2026-27 through FY 2029-30

1. **Caltrans – Coast Positive Train Control (PTC) (Up to $19,260,408)**

The Coast PTC project will design and install crucial train safety technology along the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Coast Subdivision between Gilroy and Salinas to improve safety, reliability, and operational efficiency for passenger and freight service. It will enhance the safety of rail operations, reduce the risk of crashes, and enable long-term improvements in passenger service. UPRR identified the Coast PTC project as a requirement for implementing planned passenger rail extensions to Salinas and eventually to San Luis Obispo, enabling intercity passenger rail travel from San Diego to San Francisco. This SRA funding will fully fund the construction of the PTC improvement from San José to Salinas.

2. **Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) – Davis Crossovers and Signals (Up to $4,000,000)**

This project will fund several improvements to the Davis Station on the CCJPA that will reduce delays and improve service times and delivery on the corridor. Currently, the signal system controlling the existing crossovers east of Davis Station is critically outdated, making maintenance problematic. Failure in one part of the signal system causes the entire system to go into manual mode, which can cause delays of 30 to 45 minutes. Further, crossovers east of Davis Station are an old design that requires trains to slow to 10 miles per hour (MPH) when crossing over one main track to the other. This project will upgrade the signals and crossovers near Davis Station to improve performance and reduce maintenance-related delays. The siding improvements will allow trains to speed to 30 MPH, matching the speed limits of other crossovers nearby, as well as reducing maintenance-related delays.

3. **CCJPA – Agnew Siding (Up to $3,000,000)**

The Agnew Siding Project award will construct a siding south of the Santa Clara-Great America Station in Santa Clara County to reduce train delays for Capitol Corridor, Altamont Corridor Express (ACE), Amtrak Coast Starlight, and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) freight services and to provide opportunity to store trainsets for additional passenger rail service related to concerts and sporting events at the nearby Levi's Stadium and other venues in the South Bay. These

improvements will reduce delays, provide additional storage for trainsets, and allow for additional ACE service.

4. **Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency – Corridor Optimization Study (Up to $1,000,000)**

This award will support a comprehensive evaluation of passenger and freight rail operations, infrastructure constraints, and opportunities to improve efficiency and coordination along the LOSSAN Corridor. The study will identify strategies to improve service reliability, optimize existing infrastructure, and support future passenger rail expansion. The analysis will also help prioritize strategic capital investments needed to accommodate increased service and long-term ridership growth. Finally, the study directly supports the 2024 California State Rail Plan's service-led planning approach and advances the goals of California Senate Bill 1098 by improving rail performance, coordination, and capacity throughout the corridor.

5. **North County Transit District (NCTD) – Operations Assistance through Fiscal Year 2028 (Up to $7,316,000)**

Maintaining existing service levels remains essential to sustain NCTD's ridership recovery and to preserve customer confidence in San Diego's public transit network. To continue providing this service at the levels needed for the traveling public, NCTD is awarded $7.3 million in funding to address funding challenges and help maintain operations.

6. **Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Authority (PCJPB) – Signaling and Safety Work (Up to $6,000,000)**

The Caltrain Signals and Track Program will maintain and rehabilitate critical rail infrastructure to ensure the continued safe, reliable, and efficient operation of passenger rail service. These improvements are necessary to maintain compliance with federal safety requirements and preserve the reliability of the Caltrain corridor. The program will lead to improved operational reliability, reduce service disruptions, and enhance safety for passengers, rail employees, and the traveling public. The investment will also extend the useful life of critical rail assets, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and support efficient rail operations that can accommodate future service growth.

7. **PCJPB – Battery Electric Multiple Unit (BEMU) Pilot Service (Up to $4,000,000)**

This project award will support Caltrain's zero-emission commuter train service using zero-emission BEMU trains, previously funded with a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) award. Caltrain will use these funds to implement the new pilot service to test the BEMU trains. It will also run demonstration trips to Salinas and pilot battery rail for future statewide intercity fleets.

8. **Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) – Ward Street At-Grade Pedestrian Crossing Safety (Up to $2,000,000)**

This project will construct a neighborhood at-grade rail crossing near the proposed Healdsburg Station on the SMART rail corridor. This crossing will improve pedestrian connectivity and livability in a local Equity Priority neighborhood with the rail extension, regardless of where the Healdsburg Station is located. This application requests $2 million to complete that crossing. The work associated with this crossing would be completed for the opening of the Healdsburg extension in late 2028 and support transit-oriented development in that area.

9. **Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) – Operations Bridge through 2028 Los Angeles Olympics (Up to $20,000,000)**

The project will provide two years of operations funding to maintain and stabilize current Metrolink services. Metrolink connects communities across six Southern California counties—within a region of approximately 20 million people—to employment, education, healthcare, local transit, intercity rail, and other essential destinations. Stable, dependable service is essential to rider confidence, fare revenue, and the regional workforce. Without the requested award, significant weekday and weekend reductions would have weakened these connections and impeded Metrolink's ability to retain and grow ridership. In addition, the project award maintains current levels of service in preparation for and during the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic games.