

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



San Francisco  
County Transportation  
Authority

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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# Caltrain Passes Rules/Bylaws Resolution

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- **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**

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# JPB Rules/Bylaws Changes

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- 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**

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## **JPB Rules/Bylaws Changes, continued**

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- 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**

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# Caltrain Sales Tax Proposal Summary

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- **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**

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# Timeline for Sales Tax Measure Approvals

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**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****