



2022 Federal and State Legislative Advocacy Program

BART Board of Directors
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Proposed *FEDERAL* Advocacy Goals

1. Coordinate with regional and state partners outreach efforts to ensure the continued processing and certification of federal transit grants by the U.S. Department of Labor.
2. Advocate for project sponsors with existing full funding grant agreements to be eligible for additional Capital Investment Grant funds within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.
3. Educate Congressional delegation and Administration on the long-term impacts COVID has had on BART's budget and operational capacity; pursue additional operating assistance where available.
4. Submit Community Project Funding requests for consideration within Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations bills.
5. Engage in rulemaking, discretionary grant development, and policy making regarding implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and Build Back Better Act, if enacted.
6. Educate Congressional delegation and Administration on activities within the Progressive Policing and Community Engagement Bureau, the District's compliance with federal security initiatives, and ongoing need for transit security funding.
7. Advocate for robust housing investments and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit provisions within the Build Back Better Act.

Proposed *STATE* Advocacy Goals

1. Collaborate with regional stakeholders in requesting General Fund support for priority transit and rail projects; Support the allocation of state funds to High-Speed Rail; Pursue member budget requests.
2. Support legal and legislative efforts led by the State regarding the certification of federal transit grants.
3. Expand eligibility for state housing funds to special districts committed to developing affordable housing; Advocate for new funding to support infrastructure and station access enhancements.
4. Advocate for resources directly available to transit agencies for homelessness and quality of life programs; Engage with Caltrans on implementation of Clean California programs.
5. Engage with regional stakeholders on legislative proposals that support implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Transit Transformation Action Plan.
6. Support legislation and administrative actions to align the State's transportation investments with adopted goals on climate, equity, accessibility, and safety.
7. Support administrative and legislative efforts focused on police accountability, advancing racial justice and equity, and de-emphasizing the use of sworn officers as first responders to certain crises.
8. Introduce and pass sponsored legislation that addresses a specific program or goal as identified by the Board and/or staff.