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This is in regards to the Aug 5th 2021 meeting agenda item #12 - legislative update.

While things appear optimistic for federal and state financing, SMCTA should utilize the funds conservatively to build up core service before building out. This would mean putting money into Caltrain expansion south of San Jose to Gilroy and Caltrain passing tracks (including the proposed development in Redwood City) before a Dumbarton bridge rebuild or the Caltrain DTX. This would ensure Caltrain is best positioned to withstand whatever hardships might come over the next decade, either in the form of a covid recession or Trump 2. The bridge and DTX projects can still be financed, but would be assigned a lower priority. It is much easier for Caltrain to build down to Gilroy than across the bay or under San Francisco.

Please consider my comments,

Matthew Harris
San Carlos resident