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TJPA hosts Governor Jerry Brown at Transbay Transit Center Job Site to Sign HSR Funding Legislation



San Francisco, Calif. – Yesterday, Governor Jerry Brown signed the state high speed rail funding bill (SB 1029) on the site of the future Transbay Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. Executive Director of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan served as emcee for the historic event, where Governor Brown was joined by Chair of the California High Speed Rail Authority Dan Richard, President Pro Tem of the California State Senate Darrell Steinberg, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, Deputy Secretary of the federal Department of Transportation John Porcari and other dignitaries from around the city, state and region.

This legislation will create thousands of new jobs in California by providing \$8 billion in funding from Prop 1A for construction of the first segment of high-speed rail and infrastructure upgrades on the Northern and Southern “bookends” in San Francisco and Los Angeles. This includes crucial funding to complete the electrification of Caltrain, which will ultimately serve to bring high speed rail and Caltrain into the new Transbay Transit Center.

“This legislation will help put thousands of people in California back to work,” said Governor Brown. “By improving regional transportation systems, we are investing in the future of our state and making California a better place to live and work.”

“Today is a momentous day for the State of California, The City of San Francisco and the Transbay project,” said TJPA Executive Director Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan. “We are proud to have hosted this event at the northern terminus for future high-speed rail where so many construction jobs are already being created,” she said.

Earlier in the day, Governor Brown held a signing at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles, the site of one of the many regional systems receiving funding through this legislation. The Governor then held his second press conference of the day at the site of the future Transbay Transit Center. Both of these stations will serve as major hubs of the future high-speed rail line.

The event was held at 2:00 p.m. PST on the project site.

To learn more about the project, visit: www.transbaycenter.org