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I just learned that the MTC staff is going to recommend receiving only \$300 million from the state Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program for Caltrain electrification, of \$410 million needed to complete this project. The likely outcome of this decision would be the need to come back and ask for more money to cover Caltrain's even deeper operating gap. This funding "strategy" doesn't make any sense to me.

Please, provide full funding to complete Caltrain electrification. The electrified and more frequent trains will make Caltrain far more attractive for riders, increasing revenues that would help cover the O&M costs.

Sincerely,
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