



Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAY 1, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) MEETING MINUTES

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) TAC met on May 1, 2025, at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Henry Huntington Room.

Committee members in attendance:

Lance Okuno, SLOCOG
Claire Grasty, VCTC
Megan Taylor, OCTA
Kelly Hart, OCTA
Sheldon Peterson, RCTC
Ricky Cervantes, NCTD
Keri Robinson, SANDAG
Jay Fuhrman, Metro
Michael Cano, Metro
Aaron Bonfillio, SBCAG
Christopher Duddy, SDMTS

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. James Campbell, LOSSAN Operations Officer, opened the May 1, 2025, LOSSAN Agency TAC meeting and welcomed the TAC members to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, in the Henry Huntington Room.

1. Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Megan Taylor (OCTA), second by Sheldon Peterson (RCTC). The Committee approved the Consent items.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

3. LOSSAN Corridor ID Program Update

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) introduced Mr. Ben Salter (Caltrans) who gave a PowerPoint presentation update on the LOSSAN Corridor Identification & Development Program (Program). The presentation included an overview of the Program, the development stages, and project steps.

Questions ensued on the approach and communications on the improvements. There was no further discussion.

4. Coachella Valley Rail Project Update

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) introduced Mr. Sheldon Peterson (RCTC), who gave a PowerPoint presentation update on the Coachella Valley Rail Project. The presentation included an overview of the Coachella Valley Rail Corridor, benefits of the proposed rail service, the current status, along with the next steps.

Questions ensued regarding the project's cost estimate over time, funding, and freight reliability. There was no further discussion.

5. Pacific Surfliner Service Update

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a verbal update on the Pacific Surfliner service, which included the emergency closure on the rail corridor on April 28th, bus bridges being provided, the restoration of the 12th roundtrips, including some service changes.

Questions ensued regarding the schedules and the timeline on the closures. There was no further discussion.

6. Upcoming Draft Board Agenda Items

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a brief overview of the agenda items for the May 19, 2025, LOSSAN Agency Board of Directors' meeting.

A clarifying question ensued on the agenda items. There was no further discussion.

7. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Update

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided an update on the current ridership that shows 177,000 boardings for the Surfliner, a 10 percent increase compared to April 2024. Also expecting a decline in ridership due to the upcoming rail closure.

There was no further discussion.

8. Technical Advisory Committee Members' Report

SANDAG mentioned the updated Notice of Preparation is coming out again in May for the Del Mar Realignment project.

NCTD mentioned Coaster ridership is up 5.3 percent over the previous year.

Metro mentioned the LOSSAN Board meeting will be held at the Metro offices.

SLOCOG mentioned the buy-down program they coordinated with LOSSAN on between San Luis Obispo and Guadalupe with a 75 percent discount.

10. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee is scheduled to be held on:

Thursday, June 5, 2025

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