



LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 15, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:

OCTA Headquarters (550 S. Main St., Orange)

Board Members

Fred Jung, OCTA, Chair
Fred Strong, SLOCOG, Vice Chair
Fernando Dutra, Metro
Jewel Edson, NCTD
Katrina Foley, OCTA
Joy Lyndes, SANDAG
Jennifer Mendoza, SDMTS
Paula Perotte, SBCAG
Dana Reed, RCTC
Jess Talamantes, Metro
Jim White, VCTC
Jeanne Cantu, Amtrak, Ex-Officio
LaDonna DiCamillo, CHSRA, Ex-Officio
John Gabbard, SCAG, Ex-Officio
Kyle Gradinger, Caltrans, Ex-Officio

Teleconference Locations:

Omni Seaport
450 Summer St.
Boston, MA

Lemon Grove City Hall
3232 Main Street
Lemon Grove, CA

Encinitas City Hall, Rose Conference Room
505 S. Vulcan Ave.
Encinitas, CA

Goleta City Hall, Room 1
130 Cremona Dr.
Goleta, CA



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Indian Wells City Hall
44950 Eldorado Dr.
Indian Wells, CA

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Agenda Descriptions

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Closed Session

A Closed Session is not scheduled.

Special Calendar

There are no Special Calendar Matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 4)

All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Board Member or a member of the public requests separate action or discussion on a specific item.

1. Approval of Minutes

Recommendations(s)

Approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025 LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency Board of Director's meeting.

Attachments:

[Minutes](#)

2. Consultant Selection for the Pacific Surfliner Public Relations Services Agreement

Overview

Consultant services are required for professional public relations services for the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency's Pacific Surfliner marketing and communications program. Proposals have been received and evaluated in accordance with the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency's procurement procedures for professional and technical services. Board of Director's approval is requested to execute an agreement for these services.

Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve the selection of The Abbi Agency as the firm to provide public relations services for the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency.
- B. Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Agreement No. L-5-0001 between the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and the Abbi Agency, in the amount of \$60,000, to provide public relations



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for a one-year initial term with two, two-year option terms.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

[Attachment B](#)

[Attachment C](#)

3. Amendment to Agreement for Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for Phase 1 of the Central Coast Layover Facility Project

Overview

On November 15, 2022, the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors approved an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., to prepare the plans, specifications, and estimates for Phase 1 of the Central Coast Layover Facility project. An amendment to the existing agreement is requested to address unforeseen circumstances, delays, and additional requirements from the Union Pacific Railroad resulting in additional costs.

Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. L-2-0004 between the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$260,200, for additional support in the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for Phase 1 of the Central Coast Layover Facility project. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$3,499,168.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

4. Amendment to Federal Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating Agreement with Amtrak for the Pacific Surfliner Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Overview

Effective October 1, 2024, the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency entered into an agreement with Amtrak for the continued operation of the Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service for federal fiscal year 2024-25. An amendment is requested to increase the maximum obligation of the agreement for additional net costs associated with updated state funding allocations, costs incurred for the Del Mar Bluffs 5 project, and costs related to the San Clemente rail closure and bus bridge operations.

Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute an Amendment No. 1 to



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Agreement L-4-0021 between the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and Amtrak for \$3,917,822.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

Regular Calendar

5. Continuation of the Interagency Transfer Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for Administration of the Pacific Surfliner Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Overview

The interagency transfer agreement between the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and the California Department of Transportation Division of Rail and Mass Transportation that enables the local administration and management of the state-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service expires on September 30, 2025. The agreement allows for two four-year options for renewal. Both the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and the California Department of Transportation Division of Rail and Mass Transportation seek to exercise the second option term.

Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute the second option term of the Interagency Transfer Agreement between the California Department of Transportation Division of Rail and Mass Transportation and the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency to allow continued local administrative oversight and management for the state-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service for a four-year term beginning October 1, 2025.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

6. Federal Railroad Administration Restoration and Enhancement Grant Agreement

Overview

In January 2025, the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency was awarded \$27,120,364 through the Federal Railroad Administration's Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program. This award provides federal funding to restore three additional daily roundtrips between Los Angeles and San Diego, bringing the Pacific Surfliner service back to pre-pandemic levels and advancing the State's goal of near-hourly service frequency.

The Federal Railroad Administration has indicated its goal of executing a grant



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agreement for the funding as early as September 30, 2025. Staff are seeking Board of Director's authorization for the Managing Director to execute the grant agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration to ensure access to these funds as soon as possible and the reimbursement of eligible costs already incurred.

Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Managing Director to execute a grant agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration for the Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program in the amount of \$27,120,364, to restore three daily roundtrips between Los Angeles and San Diego for a six-year term.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

7. Federal Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for the Pacific Surfliner Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Overview

To provide continued operation for the Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service as included in the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Annual Business Plan for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, a new operating agreement must be negotiated with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation. The current agreement with Amtrak will end on September 30, 2025. Staff are seeking to negotiate a one-year operating agreement with Amtrak.

Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to provide for the continued operation of the Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service for a term of one year, in an amount not-to-exceed \$59,559,400, for federal fiscal year 2025-26.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

Discussion Items

8. Pacific Surfliner Marketing Update

Overview

Staff will provide an update on marketing efforts.

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[Presentation](#)



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9. Temporary Additional Santa Barbara Service Update

Overview

Staff will provide an update on the status on the Santa Barbara service.

10. California Department of Transportation FLIRT H2 Deployment Strategy

Overview

The California Department of Transportation will provide an update on its strategy for the procurement and deployment of zero-emission passenger rail vehicles within the state.

Attachments:

[Presentation](#)

11. Public Comments

12. Managing Director's Report

13. Board Members' Report

14. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held:

12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025

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1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA