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To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jason Jewell, Managing Director 

Subject: Fiscal Year 2024-25 Third Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report

Overview

The Quarterly Grant Reimbursement Status Report summarizes grant activities for the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency’s Board of Directors. This report focuses on activity for the period of January through March 2025.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Discussion

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) has secured approximately \$545.3 million in competitive and formula grant funding from state grant agencies to deliver programs, projects, and services to improve mobility along the LOSSAN rail corridor. The use of these funds is consistent with capital programming policies approved by LOSSAN’s Board of Directors (Board). The quarterly Grant Status Report summarizes awarded/executed, current, and recently closed grant agreements.

Summary of Grant Funding			
Grant Program	Total Award	Reimbursed to Date	Remaining Balance
State Rail Assistance	\$41,954,559	\$10,633,527	\$31,321,032
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program	\$366,262,000	\$175,106,598	\$191,155,402
Proposition 1B	\$34,971,000	\$16,104,000	\$18,867,000
State Transportation Improvement Program	\$31,500,000	\$2,449,070	\$29,050,930
Solutions for Congested Corridors Program	\$43,500,000	\$0	\$43,500,000
Restoration & Enhancement Grant Program	\$27,120,363	\$0	\$27,120,363
Total	\$545,307,922	\$204,293,195	\$341,014,727

Awarded/Executed Grant Agreements:

The LOSSAN Agency received the tenth disbursement of formula State Rail Assistance (SRA) funding during the third quarter. The total of the disbursement is approximately \$1.9 million.

In addition, LOSSAN was awarded \$27.1 million from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program (R&E Grant) to restore train frequency between Los Angeles and San Diego. This grant partially funds the operation of three roundtrips between Los Angeles and San Diego, increasing frequency to 13 daily Pacific Surfliner roundtrips along this segment and fully restoring service to pre-pandemic service levels.

Current Grant Agreements:

The SRA Program is intended to provide a dependable source of supplemental revenue that is flexible and can be used to fund a variety of rail service improvements.

It is available for both operational and capital improvements through both formula and competitive distribution. LOSSAN's first round of SRA formula funding totaled approximately \$13.9 million. Through the third quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2024-25, approximately \$7.9 million of formula funding has been spent, leaving a balance of \$6 million. Projects approved by California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) for the first round of SRA funding include:

- Design of the Goleta Layover Facility
- Business Class Refresh
- Viriato Software Maintenance
- Corridor Optimization Software
- San Luis Obispo Tactile and Electrical Repair
- Grover Beach Station Improvements project
- Central Coast Layover Facility
- Franchise Access Fee, Capital Access and Incentive
- Leesdale Siding Extension
- Operation Lifesaver Campaign

The SRA funded Grover Beach Station Improvement, Viriato Maintenance, Corridor Optimization software and Business Class Refresh projects have been completed. These projects and related funding details are listed in Attachment A. In addition to the \$13.9 million in SRA formula funds, the LOSSAN Agency received an additional \$718,750 in SRA competitive funding for the Integrated Wayfinding Signage Upgrade project. Approximately \$265,917 of these competitive funds have been spent, leaving a balance of \$452,833 with completion expected in the next fiscal year.

LOSSAN staff requested allocation disbursements for the second round of SRA formula funds totaling \$29.8 million. The allocation requests cover five new projects that include approximately \$15.4 million for Santa Ynez River/Surf Bridge Replacement, \$7.6 million for Equipment Overhaul and Procurement Matching Funds, \$5.9 million for Corridor Hardening and Safety Improvements, \$550,000 for an Interregional Connectivity Improvement Project, and \$400,000 for a LOSSAN Strategic Plan update. Of the projected \$29.8 million in total Round Two funding, LOSSAN has received approximately \$27.4 million through the third quarter of FY 2024-25. Of the \$27.4 million received, approximately \$2.5 million in formula funding has been spent, leaving a balance of \$24.9 million.

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) was created to provide grants for capital improvements that modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems. The goal of these improvements is the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles travelled. There are five awarded TIRCP grant agreements, which were awarded by CalSTA in 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2024. During FY 2022-23, The LOSSAN Agency was awarded an additional \$31 million in supplemental funding through the 2023 TIRCP for existing TIRCP projects leveraging federal and local funds reserves. Within the attachments, the supplemental funds are included with the existing projects under the 2018 and 2020 awards. During the second quarter of fiscal year 2025, LOSSAN was awarded \$26.2 million in 2024 TIRCP funds through collaboration with the CRCC.

Of the five awards, four remain active after closing out the 2015 award in 2021. Due to several years of inactivity, the 2015 TIRCP award is excluded from the totals within this report. Currently, the awarded TIRCP grant agreements total \$366.3 million in funding for multiple projects and programs. A total of \$175.1 million has been received to date, leaving a balance of \$191.2 million. The balance of TIRCP grant agreements will facilitate the completion of projects throughout the corridor including:

- Installation of Centralized Traffic Control
- Upgrades and Replacement of Ties, Rail, and Non-Powered Switches
- Signal and Fencing Upgrades
- Station Improvements
- Safety Improvements
- Corridor Hardening Improvements
 - Ventura County Rincon Point Slope Repairs
 - Santa Barbara County Hollister Ranch Repairs and Drilled Piers project
- Bridge Replacements
- Capital Access and On-Time Performance Agreements
- Expansion of the Central Coast Layover in San Luis Obispo
- Phase One of a new San Diego County Maintenance and Layover Facility

- Construction of the Orcutt Road Left-Hand Crossover
- Construction of Ortega Siding

Several of the projects listed above are funded by multiple sources. Installation of Centralized Traffic Control, Upgrades and Replacement of Ties, Rail, and Non-Powered Switches, and the Narlon Bridge Replacement have been completed. Work has continued to make progress on many of the other 2018 TIRCP and 2020 TIRCP funded projects.

The Proposition 1B (Prop 1B) Program, which was approved by voters in November 2006, authorized the issuance of \$19.9 billion in general obligation bonds for specified transportation purposes including: congestion reduction, highway and local road improvements, public transportation, goods movement, air quality, safety and security. In May 2020, the LOSSAN Agency was awarded a total of \$35 million in Prop 1B funding. Through the third quarter of FY 2024-25, approximately \$16.1 million of Prop 1B funding has been spent, leaving a balance of \$18.9 million. The majority of the \$16.1 million spent funded the Los Alamos Creek (Narlon) Bridge, which has been completed and is open to train traffic. Moving forward, Prop 1B will continue to fund the Canada Honda Bridge Replacement, Camarillo Station Improvements, and the Central Coast Layover Facility (CCLF) projects. The Canada Honda Bridge Replacement Project Approval & Environmental Document (PAED) and Plans, specifications, and estimates phases were completed in calendar year 2023 and construction began in April 2024. The new bridge span is expected to be in place and open to train traffic in August 2025.

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a five-year plan updated on a biannual basis and adopted by the California Transportation Commission for future allocations of certain state transportation funds for state highway improvements, intercity rail, and regional highway and transit improvements. The CCLF project includes \$11.5 million in STIP funding for the environmental and construction phases. The project is nearing completion of the design phase, with construction expected to begin in late 2025. In addition, \$20 million of STIP funding was programmed from the Capital Reserve Fund to the Leesdale Passing Siding project.

The Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) is a statewide, competitive program that provides funding to achieve a balanced set of transportation, environmental, and community access improvements to reduce congestion throughout the state. The final approval of a baseline agreement between applicable agencies for the award of SCCP funding was completed in FY 2023-24. The LOSSAN agency was awarded a total amount of \$43.5 million of SCCP funding. Construction of the Leesdale Passing Siding project is expected to begin in late 2026.

The R&E Grant Program from the FRA is a competitive grant program established to initiate, restore, or enhance intercity passenger transportation operation. In the third quarter of FY 2024-25, LOSSAN was awarded a total of \$27 million of R&E Grant funding, marking its first successful federal grant award. The grant is to help fund the operation of three roundtrips between Los Angeles and San Diego, increasing frequency to 13 daily Pacific Surfliner roundtrips along this segment and fully restoring service to levels that existed on the corridor prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grant Agreements Pending Close-out:

The 2016 TIRCP funded portion for Franchise Access Fee, Cap. Access and Incentive (UPRR) is pending close-out. This project is still ongoing and will continue to be funded utilizing 2018 TIRCP funds.

Grant Agreements Closed Out:

The 2018 TIRCP funded portion to install Centralized Traffic Control and upgrade Non-Powered Switches have been closed out. Savings from these projects have been reprogrammed to the Canada Honda Bridge Replacement project.

Summary

The report provides an update of the grant agreement funded activities for the third quarter of fiscal year 2024-25, January through March 2025. Staff recommend this report be received and filed as an information item.

Attachments

- A. Third Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, LOSSAN Grant Agreements, Formula and Competitive State Rail Assistance (SRA), January through March 2025
- B. Third Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), January through March 2025
- C. Third Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, Other Discretionary Grants, January through March 2025
- D. Third Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, Grants Pending Close-out, January through March 2025
- E. Third Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, Grants Close-out, January through March 2025

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