



LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

Executive Committee Meeting

Agenda

Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California

Committee Members

Fred Strong, SLOCOG, Chair
Jewel Edson, NCTD, Vice Chair
Fred Jung, OCTA
Dana Reed, RCTC
Jason Jewell, Managing Director

Teleconference Locations:

Solana Beach City Hall
635 South Highway 101
Solana Beach, CA

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

Paso Robles Civic Center
1000 Spring St., Conference Room 1
Paso Robles, CA

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Closed Session

1. Closed Session

Overview

A Closed Session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Public Employee Evaluation - LOSSAN Managing Director.

Special Calendar

There are no Special Calendar Matters.

Consent Calendar (Item 2)

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.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

2. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation(s)

Approve the minutes of the March 5, 2026 LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency Executive Committee meeting.

Attachments:

[Minutes](#)

Regular Calendar

3. Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Administrative Support Agreement with Orange County Transportation Authority

Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency entered into an administrative support agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority on November 21, 2013, to provide administrative services and daily management of the State-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service operating in the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo rail corridor. The initial agreement expired on June 30, 2018, and was renegotiated for a new three-year term beginning July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021, with two, three-year option terms. The first three-year option term was executed on September 1, 2021, which extended the agreement for an additional thirty-six months, from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, while the second and final three-year option term was executed on June 11, 2024, which extended the agreement through June 30, 2027. In order to provide continued administrative services, staff is seeking authorization from the Board of Directors to negotiate and execute an administrative agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute an administrative support agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

Discussion Items

4. Coachella Valley Rail Coordination

Overview

Staff will present an update on coordination efforts on the Coachella Valley Rail project.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Attachments:

[Presentation](#)

5. **Public Comments**
6. **Managing Director's Report**
7. **Committee Members' Report**
8. **Adjournment**

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

9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2026

OCTA Headquarters
550 South Main Street
Orange, California



MINUTES

Executive Committee Special Meeting

Committee Members Present

In-Person

Fred Jung
Jason Jewell, Managing Director

Staff Present

Andrea West, Clerk of the Board
Allison Cheshire, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior
James Donich, General Counsel
LOSSAN Staff

Via Teleconference

Chair Strong
Vice Chair Jewel Edson
Dana Reed

Call to Order

The March 5, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Strong at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

The Clerk of the Board conducted an attendance roll call and announced a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Consent Calendar

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Reed, seconded by Vice Chair Edson, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to approve the minutes of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency February 5, 2026.

Regular Calendar

2. State Legislative Status Report

Kristin Jacinto, OCTA staff, provided a report on this item.

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Vice Chair Edson, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to adopt an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED position on Senate Bill 677 (Weiner, D-San Francisco), which would cleanup definitions related to previous transit-oriented development legislation, SB 79 (Chapter 512, Statutes of 2025).



Discussion Item

3. Final Business Plan for Fiscals Year 2026-27 and 2027-28

Jason Jewell, Managing Director, provided a report on this item

No action was taken on this item.

4. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

5. Managing Director's Report

Jason Jewell, Managing Director, provided an update on.....

6. Committee Members' Report

There were no Committee Member reports.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026**, OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, CA.

ATTEST

Andrea West
Clerk of the Board



June 4, 2026

To: Members of the Executive Committee

From: Jason Jewell, Managing Director 

Subject: Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Administrative Support Agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority

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Recommendation

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute an administrative support agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Background

Senate Bill (SB) 1225, signed into law in September 2012, authorized the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) to assume administrative responsibility for the state-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service. After a competitive process, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) was selected to serve as the Managing Agency. On November 21, 2013, the LOSSAN Agency entered into an administrative support agreement (ASA) with OCTA to provide administrative services and daily management of the State-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service. The ASA spanned the Start-Up and Initial terms and expired on June 30, 2018. On June 18, 2018, the LOSSAN

Board of Directors (Board) authorized the Managing Director to execute an updated administrative support agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority for a term of three years with two, three-year option terms. Both option terms have been exercised, with the final term valid through June 30, 2027. A new agreement is necessary to allow OCTA to continue to provide administrative support, as the LOSSAN Managing Agency.

Discussion

OCTA has served as the LOSSAN Managing Agency since November 2013, providing dedicated staff to the LOSSAN Agency as well as administrative support services. In this capacity, the LOSSAN Agency has fulfilled the foundational goals established under SB 1225, but also advanced intercity passenger rail service through a number of key goals and initiatives, including:

- Successfully negotiated and executed the first interagency transfer agreement (ITA) with the California Department of Transportation, including the first, second, and third amended ITA through September 2029
- Ensured year-over-year increases in Pacific Surfliner ridership, revenue, and farebox recovery prior to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
- Successfully navigated and managed the service through the COVID-19 pandemic
- Negotiated favorable operating agreements with Amtrak for the provision of the Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service and connecting Thruway bus service
- Developed and managed a balanced annual administrative, marketing, and operating budget
- Developed and obtained approval for annual business plans
- Implemented key improvements to the passenger experience and marketing programs
- Developed first- and last-mile connectivity options
- Successfully secured approximately \$529.5 million in State grant funds
- Successfully secured the first-ever Federal Grant Award for over \$27 million to support Pacific Surfliner service restoration
- Successfully navigated and managed service through rail closures
- Successfully obtained approval of the first Environmental Impact Report for the Central Coast Layover Facility, one of several key infrastructure improvement projects LOSSAN is leading to increase future capacity
- Coordinated and participated in corridor-wide stakeholder meetings to address resiliency and corridor-wide challenges
- Successfully restored pre-COVID service levels, including expanded service in coordination with member agency partnerships

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OCTA has consistently supplied the technical expertise, operational capacity, and institutional resources necessary to support the LOSSAN Agency's evolving responsibilities. Under the administrative services agreement, OCTA has provided a host of administrative support services, including but not limited to:

- Daily administration, including all necessary staff to serve and support the Agency, including the Managing Director, as appointed by the LOSSAN Board
- Financial services resources, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, financial systems and processes, budgeting, and treasury
- Information technology and cybersecurity services
- Contract administration and legal services
- Human resources and organizational development
- Risk management and insurance support
- Marketing, communications, and public information support
- Government relations
- Planning and programming support
- General services, including required office space

This scope of services to be negotiated under a new agreement is anticipated to be consistent with the level of resources OCTA has consistently provided. The ASA assumes that the LOSSAN Agency's administrative, marketing, and operating budgets will continue to be fully funded by the State of California with no financial commitment from the LOSSAN member agencies. The LOSSAN Agency is charged based on the actual direct salaries and benefits of employees, along with indirect costs for support services. The indirect costs are determined using OCTA's annual cost allocation plan. The cost allocation plan is trued-up on an annual basis at the end of each fiscal year, and any variances are either refunded to or billed to LOSSAN. The cost details are reviewed by LOSSAN staff and discussed with OCTA as appropriate.

Summary

The current administrative support agreement between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency expires on June 30, 2027. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency staff is seeking authorization from the Board of Directors for the Managing Director to negotiate and execute an administrative support agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority to allow for the continuation of managing agency services.

Attachment

None.



Coachella Valley Rail Coordination

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Coachella Valley Rail (CV Rail) Coordination Efforts

- Riverside County Transportation Commission(RCTC) submits formal request to LOSSAN to support expanded CV Rail efforts
- Participate in CV Rail Task Force Meetings
- Develop strategic approach and considerations for LOSSAN to incorporate CV Rail under its Management and Administrative Oversight
- Engaged consultant to develop due diligence study to identify considerations and next steps

Coachella Valley Rail Overview

- CV Rail Corridor would total 144 miles between Los Angeles and City of Coachella
- Service expansion from two daily roundtrips under current planning to update to five daily roundtrips contingent on Union Pacific Approval
- Federal Railroad approval of Service Development plan and Tier 1 Program Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/R)
- Preliminary engineering along eastern section of the corridor to the 30% level
- Project level environmental clearance for up to 6 stations, a new 3rd main track, and associated grade crossing and signal improvements on the eastern section of the corridor.
- Tier 2 EIS/R efforts moving forward
- CV Rail Accepted into the Federal Corridor Identification Development Program

Potential Opportunities Identified

- Greater coordination and integration of rail services between Pacific Surfliner and future CV Rail service
- Ability to influence future decisions regarding fleet, facilities, schedules, and service planning that may affect Pacific Surfliner operations
- Potential to identify projects and investments that provide benefits across both corridors
- Increased leverage for state and federal funding
- Ability to help safeguard Pacific Surfliner interests as future CV Rail decisions are made

Due Diligence Study Key Findings

- LOSSAN possesses the experience and expertise necessary to potentially manage a second corridor
- LOSSAN's current staffing structure is lean and has current limited capacity to absorb significant new responsibilities
- Any future role would require additional staffing and resources
- A phased approach tied to project development milestones would be necessary
- Dedicated funding and reimbursement mechanisms should be established to support LOSSAN participation
- Key governance, organizational, and institutional questions remain unresolved

Potential Next Steps for Further Evaluation

- Review governance documents, agreements, and organizational structure to identify potential impacts and considerations
- Evaluate potential frameworks for LOSSAN participation, including roles, responsibilities, resource needs, and reimbursement mechanisms
- Explore options for formal coordination with RCTC, including potential memoranda of understanding (MOU) or cooperative agreement
- Identify decision points, milestones, and timelines to support future Board discussions and provide clear on/off ramps
- Return to the LOSSAN Board with updates, findings, and recommendations as appropriate