



May 19, 2025

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jason Jewell, Managing Director 

Subject: Approval of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency Title VI Program Document

Overview

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency is required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as a recipient of federal financial assistance. Title VI ensures that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any federally funded program or activity. To ensure compliance with these requirements, staff has prepared a comprehensive Title VI Compliance Program document.

Recommendation

Adopt the proposed the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Title VI Program document for a three-year period.

Background

In January 2025, the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency received its first federal funding award through the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Grant Program, in the amount of \$27,120,364. The purpose of this funding is to restore three additional daily roundtrips between Los Angeles and San Diego, thereby increasing service levels and supporting a broader State Rail Plan goal of near-hourly service frequency along the LOSSAN rail corridor.

As a condition of and prior to receiving federal assistance, LOSSAN must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which includes adopting a formal Title VI Compliance Program (Program) and related procedures.

Discussion

LOSSAN staff has drafted a Program document outlining how LOSSAN will meet federal requirements and ensure nondiscrimination across its federally funded activities. Staff

has coordinated with FRA's Office of Civil Rights to ensure that the final document meets all applicable FRA and federal guidelines relevant to rail service providers.

The key components of the Program include:

1. **Public Notice:** Posting of Title VI Notices at major stations, facilities, and LOSSAN's website to inform the public of their rights under Title VI.
2. **Complaint Procedures:** Clearly outlined procedures for filing and handling discrimination complaints to ensure fair and timely processing.
3. **Language Assistance Plan:** Strategies for providing meaningful access to services for populations with Limited English Proficiency, including translation and interpretation services.
4. **Public Participation:** Efforts to ensure equitable and inclusive public involvement in service changes and planning decisions.

Federal guidance generally requires Title VI Program documents to be updated every three years. The Program will cover a three-year period and will be revised and resubmitted accordingly to maintain compliance with federal requirements.

Summary

Staff proposes the adoption of the Program document to comply with federal requirements associated with receiving the FRA R&E Grant award and prior to the execution of a grant agreement and acceptance of funds. This document formalizes LOSSAN's commitment to ensuring equity, nondiscrimination, and compliance with Title VI obligations. Adopting this Program documents LOSSAN's efforts to uphold federal civil rights standards effectively while implementing enhanced service delivery and grant-funded activities.

Attachment

- A. LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency Title VI Compliance Program (Fiscal Years 2025-2028)

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