

LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 1, 2025

1:15 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.

**Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Henry Huntington Room, Third Floor
One Gateway Plaza,
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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The main location for this meeting is the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Headquarters, Henry Huntington Room (3rd Floor). Several LOSSAN member agencies will be attending this meeting via teleconference from the following locations:

*Orange County Transportation Authority
600 S Main Street
Conference Room 1012
Orange, CA 92868*

*San Diego Association of Governments
Board Room
1011 Union Street, First Floor
San Diego, CA 92101*

*North County Transit District
Administrative Office
501 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92054*

*San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
1114 Marsh St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401*

*Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite B
Santa Barbara, CA 93110*

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

2025 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE Technical Advisory Committee - Membership Roster

| | Member Agencies | Appointee | Alternate |
|---------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| North | San Luis Obispo Council of Governments | Lance Okuno | Tim Gillham |
| | Santa Barbara County Association of Governments | Aaron Bonfilio | Whitney Rush |
| | Ventura County Transportation Commission | Aubrey Smith | Claire Grasty |
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| Central | Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority | Jay Fuhrman | Michael Cano |
| | | | |
| South Central | Orange County Transportation Authority | Megan Taylor | Kelly Hart |
| | Riverside County Transportation Commission | Sheldon Peterson | Vacant |
| | | | |
| South | San Diego Metropolitan Transit System | Christopher Duddy | Brent Boyd |
| | North County Transit District | Katie Persons | Ricky Cervantes |
| | San Diego Association of Governments | Keri Robinson | Jennifer Williamson |

Call to Order

1. Public Comments

At this time, members of the public may address the Technical Advisory Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Technical Advisory Committee, but no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker unless different time limits are set by the Chairman subject to the approval of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Consent Calendar

2. Approval of Minutes

James Campbell

Overview

Approval of the minutes of the LOSSAN Technical Advisory Committee meeting on March 6, 2025.

Discussion Calendar

3. LOSSAN Corridor ID Program Update

James D. Campbell

Overview

Staff will provide a verbal update on the LOSSAN Corridor ID Program.

4. Coachella Valley Rail Project Update

James D. Campbell

Overview

Staff will provide a verbal update on the Coachella Valley Rail Project.

5. Pacific Surfliner Service Update

James D. Campbell

Overview

Staff will provide a verbal update on the Pacific Surfliner Service.

6. Upcoming Draft Board Agenda Items

James D. Campbell

Overview

Overview of upcoming draft agenda items for the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors' May meeting.

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

8. Technical Advisory Committee Members' Report

9. Adjournment

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

Thursday, June 5, 2025

*Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Henry Huntington Room, Third Floor
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Los Angeles, CA 90012*



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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MARCH 6, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) MEETING MINUTES

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) TAC met on March 6, 2025, at the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, Large Conference Room.

Committee members in attendance:

Lance Okuno, SLOCOG
Aaron Bonfillio, SBCAG
Aubrey Smith, VCTC
Jay Fuhrman, Metro
Megan Taylor, OCTA
Sheldon Peterson, RCTC
Ricky Cervantes, NCTD
Keri Robinson, SANDAG
Christopher Duddy, SDMTS

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. James Campbell, LOSSAN Operations Officer, opened the March 6, 2025, LOSSAN Agency TAC meeting and welcomed the TAC members to San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, Large Conference Room.

1. Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Second Quarter Amtrak Pacific Surfliner On-Time Performance Analysis

4. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Second Quarter Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Trends

Motion by Aaron Bonfillio, Second by Keri Robinson. The Committee approved the Consent items.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

5. Service Restoration Update

Mr. James Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a verbal update on reopening of stations, the restoration of the 11th roundtrip later in the month, and the goal of restoring the 12th and 13th roundtrips later in the calendar year.

Questions ensued regarding the challenges with restoring the 12th roundtrip and the effective date planned for it. There was no further discussion.

6. Pacific Surfliner Marketing Update

Mr. Chris Orlando (LOSSAN) provided a presentation on marketing updates for the first and second quarters of fiscal year 2024-25. The presentation provided an update on performance, social media metrics, signage, overall performance on bookings, and ads

There was no further discussion.

7. Update of Coastal Resilience Efforts

Mr. James Campbell (LOSSAN) introduced this item before turning it over to the presenters. The presentation on the efforts along the northern corridor was given by Mr. David Berryman (LOSSAN), Ms. Keri Robinson, (SANDAG) and Ms. Anna Devers (SANDAG) provided a presentation on the efforts in San Diego County, and Ms. Megan Taylor (OCTA) provided a brief update on efforts in Orange County. The presentations included high-priority locations with problem areas, planning efforts, strategies and solutions, and ongoing engagements through a variety of working groups.

Questions ensued regarding the problem areas and schedules. There was no further discussion.

8. Upcoming Draft Board Agenda Items

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a brief overview of the agenda items for the March 17, 2025, LOSSAN Agency Board of Directors' meeting.

There was no further discussion.

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

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided an update was given on the current ridership that shows 54 percent increase for ridership between February 2024 and February 2025. There will also be an upcoming work window with future track closures in South Orange County and a small closure near Solana Beach over the weekend.

There was no further discussion.

10. Technical Advisory Committee Members' Report

SLOCOG mentioned the buy-down ticket reduction program with LOSSAN for a 75% discount.

SBCAG mentioned recent events regarding mental health awareness and the support LOSSAN provided in the event, and an upcoming meeting with the new Board member.

RCTC mentioned they continue to coordinate with FRA / Caltrans on the Corridor ID Program with Coachella Valley Rail and in partnering with LOSSAN on the project.

OCTA mentioned there will be no Metrolink Angels Express this year and that there will be expanded Metrolink service for the upcoming Women's March over the weekend.

NCTD mentioned the service updates for the upcoming baseball season.

HSR mentioned an upcoming Los Angeles to Anaheim Project draft environmental document coming in late June.

11. Adjournment

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Corridor ID: Planning & Implementation

Ben Salter

Regional Rail Coordinator, Office of Rail Planning & Implementation
Caltrans, Division of Rail

Corridor Identification and Development Program

The CID Program is a federal program intended to:

- Develop a sustained, comprehensive intercity passenger rail planning and development program
- Set forth a capital project pipeline ready for Federal funding

The CID Program and Service Development Planning:

- Service Development Plans (SDPs) establish the service concept and necessary capital projects to operate service
- SDPs will identify phased infrastructure investments to accomplish service goals identified in the Rail Plan



Corridor ID Program

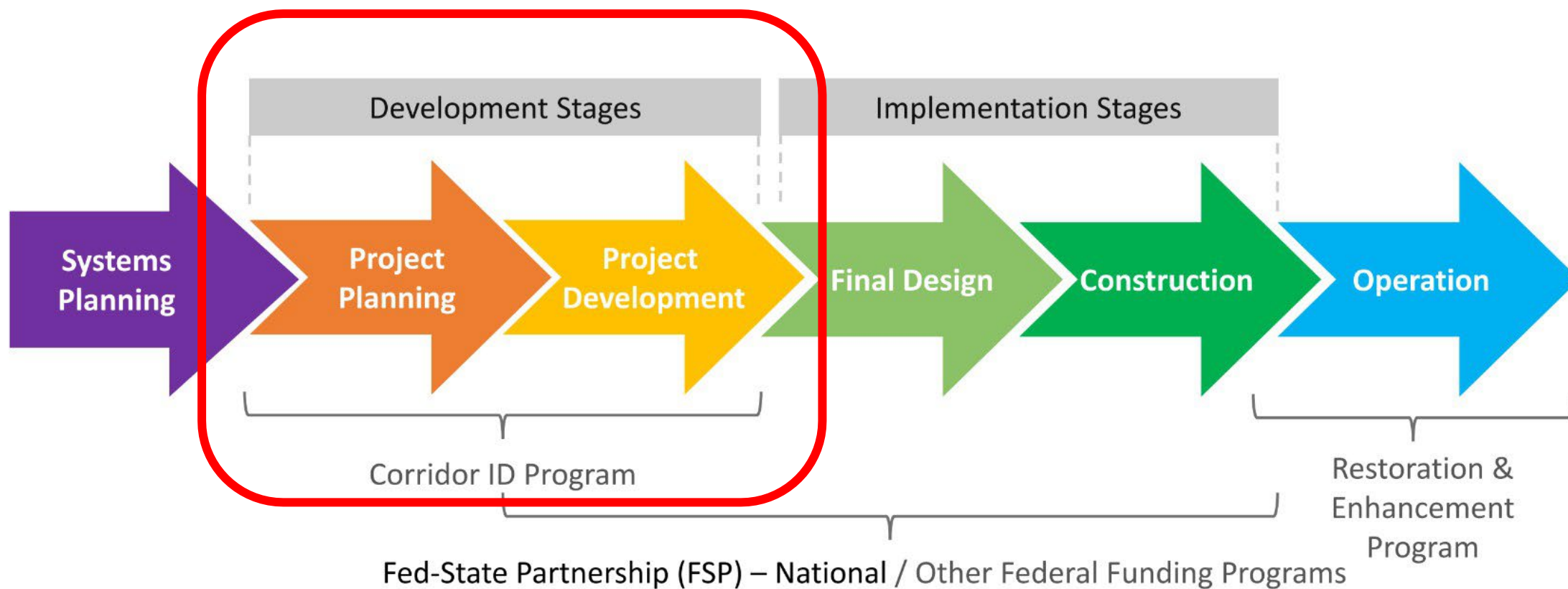
69 Corridors Selected

9 California Corridors:

- Central Coast Corridor
- Coachella Valley Rail Corridor
- Capitol Corridor
- LOSSAN
- San Joaquin Valley Corridor
- California High-Speed Rail Phase 1 Corridor
- Brightline West High-Speed Rail Corridor
- High Desert Intercity High-Speed Rail Corridor
- Daily Sunset Limited Service



Corridor ID Program



Corridor ID Program

| Grant | Step 1: Scoping the Service Development Plan | Step 2: Preparing or Updating Service Development Plan | Step 3: NEPA / Preliminary Engineering |
|---------|--|--|--|
| Funding | Up to \$500k / 0% match | \$X / 10% match (<i>\$X determined during Step 1</i>) | \$X / 20% match (<i>\$X determined during Step 2</i>) |
| Scope | Sponsor develops scope, schedule, and budget for Corridor SDP , accounting for work on-going and/or undertaken to date | Sponsor develops a service development plan in accordance with Step 2 SOW | In coordination with FRA, sponsor completes preliminary engineering for capital projects. Sponsor completes environmental review in coordination with FRA for capital projects |
| Notes | Step 1 grant deliverable is corridor-specific scope, schedule, and budget for service development plan | Final service development plan includes a Capital Project Inventory as part of the Phased Implementation Plan Capital projects identified in SDP <u>may</u> advance into Step 3 Project Development, at FRA's discretion based on a project's readiness | Capital projects that complete Step 3 will move to Project Pipeline and may be prioritized for funding under Fed-State Partnership Program |

Corridor ID Program

Step 1 Submitted to FRA

- Scope, Schedule, and Budget

Build on Existing Work

- LOSSAN Corridor Optimization Study
- LOSSAN Business Plan

2 Phased Approach

- Keep moving on projects that have work already completed
- Give enough time to plan bigger projects properly





Thank you.

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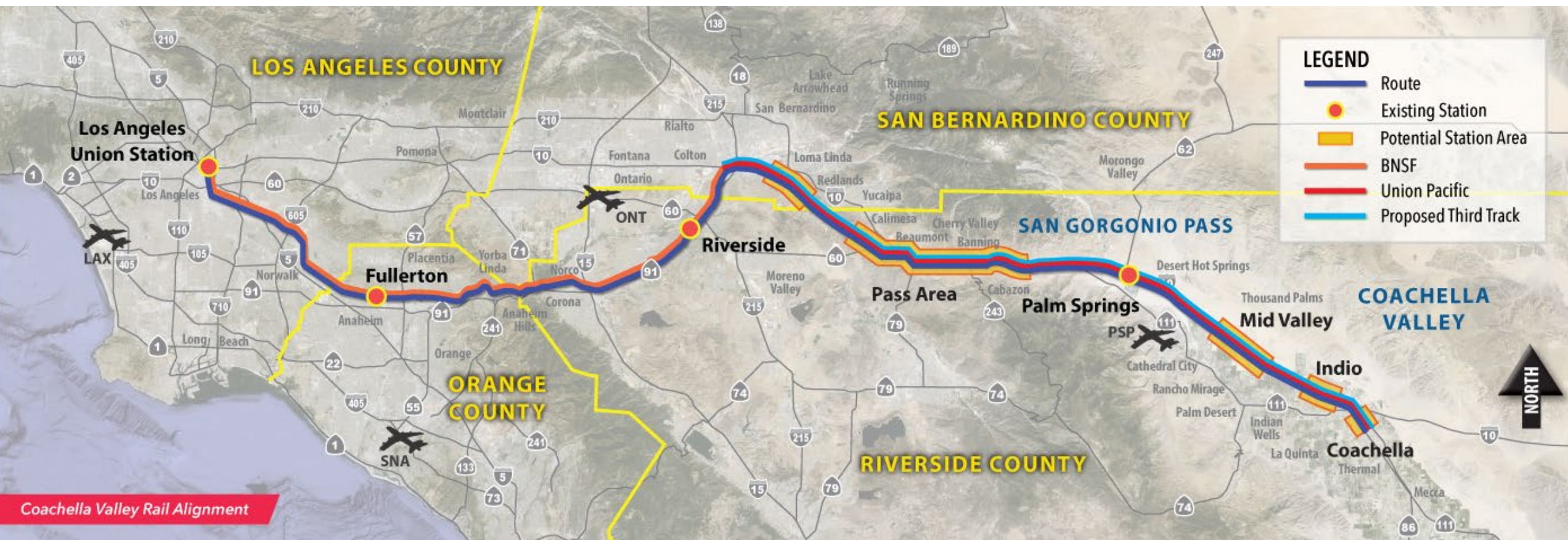


Coachella Valley Rail Project Update

LOSSAN Update 2025



Coachella Valley Rail Corridor



By the Numbers...

144 **MILES** 
Route Length

► **SoCal Population**
24 Million

► **Inland Empire Population**
4.65 Million



Running Time
Los Angeles to Coachella Valley



 No. of **Proposed Station Stops** 9

► **San Geronio Pass Travelers**
160,000 / Day

Key Benefits of Coachella Valley Rail?

- ✓ **Connections** – Links LA, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside counties
- ✓ **Access & Equity** – Options for residents in disadvantaged communities
- ✓ **Economic Investment** – Expands access to the regional economy/Job Growth
- ✓ **Sustainability** – Combats climate change by reducing vehicle use
- ✓ **Destinations** – Coachella & Stagecoach Music Festivals, Indian Wells Tennis, New Arena



Coachella Valley Rail Proposed Service

- ✓ Initial operation plan for 2 round trips
- ✓ Future service could grow to 5 round trips
- ✓ Integrated with connections to Pacific Surfliners/Metrolink/Metro
- ✓ Using latest locomotives and equipment at time of implementation
- ✓ Significant rail infrastructure improvements being explored



Historic Timeline

1991-2013

RCTC completed additional feasibility studies

RCTC commits \$5M to Start Alternatives Analysis

Alternatives Analysis Report completed

Approval of Service Development Plan

1991

2013

2015

2016

2021

2022

2023



RCTC completed the first study that evaluated round trips between Los Angeles and Indio



FRA PRCIP grant awarded to Caltrans and RCTC for Service Development Plan and Tier 1/Program EIS/EIR



Draft Tier 1/Program EIS/EIR released to the public

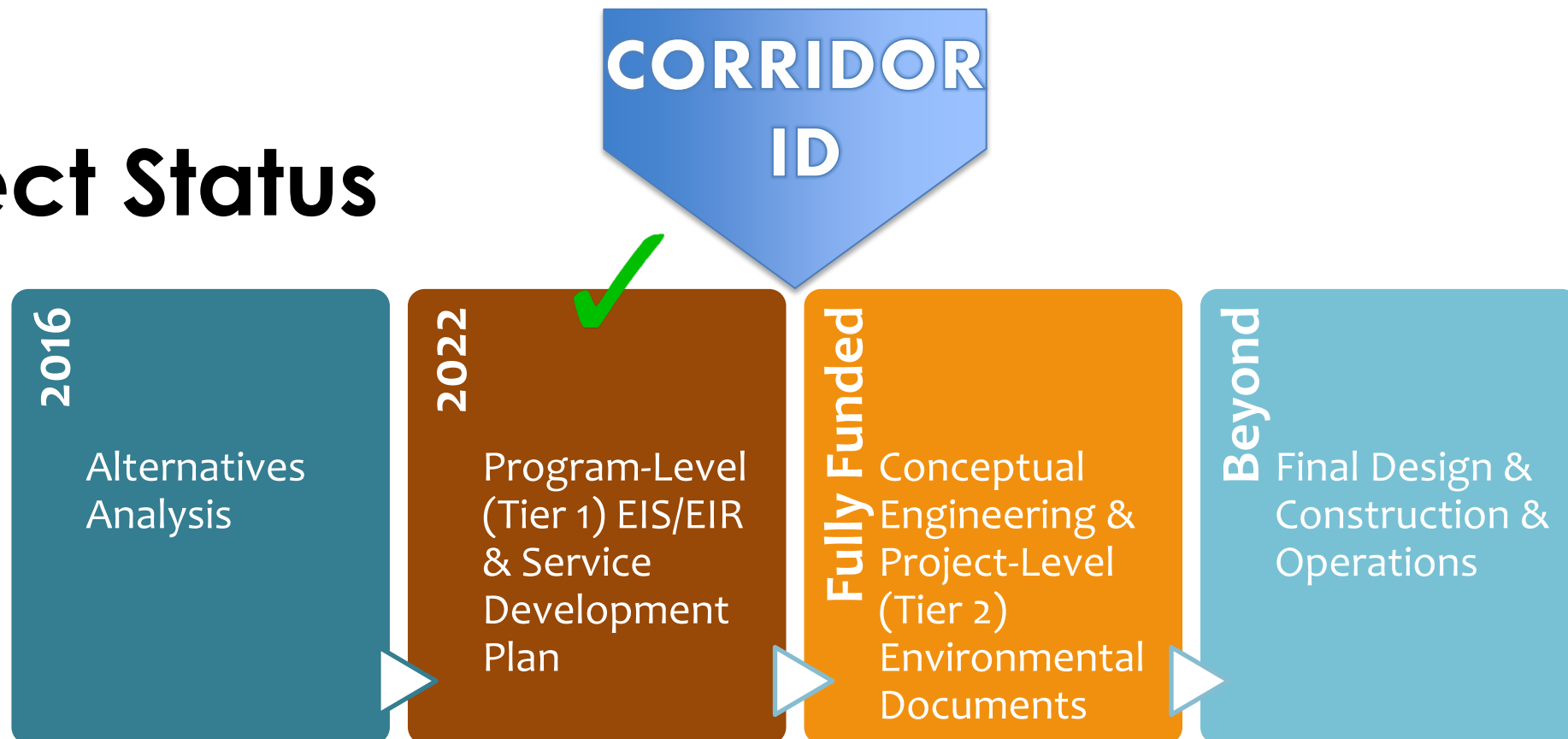


Approval of Final Tier 1/Program EIS/EIR



Selected for Corridor ID

Project Status



- ☒ Program-Level (Tier 1) EIS/EIR/Service Development Plan 2022
- ☐ Corridor ID - Service Development Plan 2.0 (Step 2 prior to Step 3)

Extensive Coordination

- ✓ **Federal Railroad Administration** – Monthly meetings, trips to DC & Sacramento
- ✓ **Caltrans - Division of Rail** – Monthly meetings
- ✓ **LOSSAN Task Force** – Monthly meetings to discuss governance
- ✓ **Union Pacific** – Regular meetings

Next Steps

- ✓ City of Coachella Station Study - Ongoing
- ✓ Corridor ID – Service Development Plan to start mid-2025
- ✓ Station Feasibility Pre-NEPA Work to start late 2025

For more on CV Rail Visit



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

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**Upcoming Agenda Items
Board of Directors Meeting
May 19, 2025**

- Amendment to Field Marketing Services Agreement
- Amendment to Social Media Marketing and Passenger Communications Agreement
- FRA Corridor ID Program
- Title VI Policy
- Coachella Valley Rail Project Update
- Pacific Surfliner Service Update
- Travel Policy