LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency



# Board Meeting Agenda Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 1:15 p.m.

OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California

# **Board Members**

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# Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

# **Closed Session**

A Closed Session is not scheduled.

# Special Calendar

1. Election of Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors Chair

#### Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency bylaws state that, at its first meeting each year, the Board of Directors shall elect a Chair who shall preside over meetings.

### 2. Election of Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors Vice Chair

### Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency bylaws state that, at its first meeting each year, the Board of Directors shall elect a Vice Chair who shall preside in the Chair's absence.

### 3. Selection of Executive Committee Members for Calendar Year 2024

### Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency bylaws specify the membership and composition of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors. Board of Directors' approval for the appointment of Executive Committee members for calendar year 2024 is requested.

### Attachments:

**Supplemental Information** 



# Consent Calendar (Items 4 through 8)

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.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

### Recommendation

Approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023 Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Director's Meeting.

### Attachments:

<u>Minutes</u>

### 5. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Financial Statement Audit

### Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency is required to complete an annual financial audit pursuant to Government Code Section 6505.6, and as specified in the joint powers agreement, bylaws, and the administrative support agreement. Crowe LLP, an independent accounting firm, has completed the annual audit of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency financial statements for fiscal year 2022-23, and has issued its independent auditors' opinion.

### Recommendation

Receive and file the fiscal year 2022-23 Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency audited annual financial statements and accompanying independent auditor's report.

### Attachments:

<u>Staff Report</u> <u>Attachment A</u> <u>Attachment B</u>

### 6. Agreement for Independent Annual Financial Auditing Services

### Overview

In October 2023, the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency released a request for proposals for an independent accounting firm to perform annual financial statement audits of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, 2025, and 2026. Proposals were 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 Directors' approval is requested to select a public accounting firm to



perform independent annual financial auditing services.

### Recommendations

- A. Approve the selection of Eide Bailly LLP as the firm to provide independent annual financial auditing services.
- B. Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Agreement No. L-3-0006 between the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and Eide Bailly LLP, in the amount of \$69,457, to provide independent annual financial auditing services for a three-year initial term with one, two-year option term.

### Attachments:

<u>Staff Report</u> <u>Attachment A</u> <u>Attachment B</u> <u>Attachment C</u>

### 7. Funding Agreement for the Environmental Phase of the Camarillo Station Pedestrian Underpass Project

### Overview

The City of Camarillo has requested funding from the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency to advance the Camarillo Station Pedestrian Underpass Project. The Proposition 1B Program, 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. An overview of the project and a recommendation to approve a funding agreement with the City of Camarillo is presented for Board of Directors review and approval.

### Recommendation

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Camarillo not to exceed \$1.9 million for the use of Proposition 1B funds for the Camarillo Station Pedestrian Underpass Project.

### Attachments:

Staff Report



# 8. Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for Preliminary Engineering Services for the Leesdale Siding Extension Project

### Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency proposes to amend an existing reimbursement agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad for engineering support to include related signal and communication designs for the Leesdale Siding Extension project.

### Recommendation

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Reimbursement Agreement No. L-3-0009 between the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and Union Pacific Railroad, in the amount of \$101,000, for a period of up to three years, to prepare all necessary and related signal and communication designs for the Leesdale Siding Extension project.

### Attachments:

<u>Staff Report</u> <u>Attachment A</u>

### **Regular Calendar**

9. Approval of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency 2024 Work Plan

### Overview

On July 17, 2023, the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors approved the 2023 Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Strategic Plan. As part of that approval, staff was directed to prepare a work plan for calendar year 2024 that highlighted the key initiatives that would be undertaken in support of the 2023 Strategic Plan goals. Staff has prepared a draft of the 2024 Work Plan for Board of Directors' approval.

### Recommendation

Approve the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency 2024 Work Plan.

### Attachments:

<u>Staff Report</u> <u>Attachment A</u>



### 10. Final Draft Business Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-25 and 2025-26

#### Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency is required to submit an annual business plan to the California State Transportation Agency by April 1st of each year that provides the basis for its annual budget request, outlines operations and service goals, and discusses any proposed changes to the Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service. Staff has prepared a draft of the annual business plan for fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26 for the Board of Directors' review.

#### Recommendation

Direct staff to incorporate comments received from the Board of Directors into the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency's annual business plan for fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26 and return to the Board of Directors on March 18, 2024, for final approval.

#### Attachments:

<u>Staff Report</u> Attachment A

### **Discussion Items**

### 11. Corridor Identification and Development Program

#### Overview

Staff and Caltrans will provide an overview of the Corridor Identification and Development Program.

#### Attachments:

**Presentation** 

### 12. Update on San Clemente Track Closure

#### Overview

Staff from the Orange County Transportation Authority will provide a verbal update on the track closure and stabilization work underway in San Clemente.

### 13. Public Comments

### 14. Managing Director's Report

15. Board Members' Report



# 16. Adjournment

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

# 1:15 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024

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