

# **LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency**

# Board Meeting Agenda Monday, March 18, 2024 at 1:15 p.m.

OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California

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#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

# Pledge of Allegiance

# **Closed Session**

A Closed Session is not scheduled.

# **Special Calendar**

# Salute to Outgoing Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board Member

#### Overview

Present Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Resolution of Appreciation to Board Member Priya Bhat-Patel for her service.

# **Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 11)**

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.

# 2. Approval of Minutes

#### Recommendation

Approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Director's Meeting.



#### Attachments:

#### Minutes

# 3. Fiscal Year 2023-24 First Quarter Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Trends

#### Overview

A report on ridership, revenue, and on-time performance trends for passenger rail services on the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor, including the Pacific Surfliner, Metrolink, and COASTER, covering the first quarter of state fiscal year 2023-24.

#### Recommendation

Receive and file as and information item.

#### Attachments:

Staff Report

Attachment A

# 4. Fiscal Year 2023-24 First Quarter Amtrak Pacific Surfliner On-Time Performance Analysis

# Overview

On-time performance reflects the quality and dependability of the Pacific Surfliner service, and has a considerable effect on repeat ridership, based on the customer travel experience. This report summarizes the on-time performance of the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner service during the first quarter of state fiscal year 2023-24, covering the months of July, August, and September 2023.

#### Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

#### Attachments:

Staff Report

# 5. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Second 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 October through December 2023.

# Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.



#### Attachments:

Staff Report

Attachment A

Attachment B

**Attachment C** 

Attachment D

# 6. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Second Quarter Budget Status Report

#### Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency's Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget was approved by the Board of Directors on March 20, 2023. The California State Transportation Agency approved the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget and funding on September 13, 2023. This report summarizes financial activities and performance through the second quarter of fiscal year 2023-24, covering the months of July through December 2023.

#### Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

#### Attachments:

Staff Report

Attachment A

Attachment B

**Attachment C** 

# 7. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Second Quarter Amtrak Pacific Surfliner System Safety and Incident Report

#### Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency operating agreement with Amtrak includes police services to provide a safe, secure, and reliable service to Pacific Surfliner crews and passengers. These police services have a considerable effect on repeat ridership, based on the customer travel experience. This report presents a summary on system safety and incidents for Amtrak Pacific Surfliner service during the second quarter of fiscal year 2023-24, covering the months of October, November, and December 2023.

#### Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.



#### Attachments:

# **Staff Report**

8. Amendment to Cooperative Agreements with Orange County Transportation
Authority and Anaheim Transportation Network for the Transit Transfer Program

#### Overview

On November 16, 2015, the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors authorized the Managing Director to accept \$1.675 million in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funding to support the Pacific Surfliner Transit Transfer Program, which allows Pacific Surfliner passengers to transfer more seamlessly to connecting public transit services. The Board of Directors also authorized the Managing Director to negotiate and execute agreements with participating local transit agencies. The program continued with state operating funding in July 2022 after the expiration of Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funding. At this time, ten agreements with local transit agencies were extended through June 30, 2027, utilizing state operating funds. Two of these agreements now require funding amendments to allow for the continuance of the Pacific Surfliner Transit Transfer Program.

#### Recommendations

- A. Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 9 to Cooperative Agreement No. L-6-0009 Orange County Transportation Authority in the amount of \$85,468 to provide ongoing reimbursement for transit transfers by Pacific Surfliner passengers. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total value of \$194,623.
- B. Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 6 to Cooperative Agreement No. L-6-0010 with Anaheim Transportation Network in the amount of \$41,052 to provide ongoing reimbursement for transit transfers by Pacific Surfliner passengers. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total value of \$165,052.

#### Attachments:

# **Staff Report**

9. Reimbursement Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for Corridor Hardening and Coastal Resiliency Improvements

#### Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency has programmed \$10,406,000 in funding to long-term corridor hardening and coastal resiliency improvements along the Santa Barbara Subdivision in partnership with the Union Pacific Railroad. Staff have worked with the Union Pacific Railroad to identify the most critical and



urgent locations where there is the need to stabilize the track and adjacent bluffs. To advance work at these critical locations, staff are seeking Board of Directors approval to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad to deliver the improvements.

#### Recommendation

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute an agreement between the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and Union Pacific Railroad for a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,406,000, to construct the long-term improvements necessary to stabilize the track and adjacent bluffs at Mileposts 324.4 and 328.2 along the Santa Barbara Subdivision.

#### Attachments:

#### Staff Report

# 10. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Pacific Surfliner Marketing Services

#### Overview

Consultant services are needed to provide field marketing and community outreach services for the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency, including program management and fulfillment, community outreach and education, promotional marketing, and strategic marketing consultation. Staff has developed a request for proposals to initiate a competitive procurement to select a firm to provide field marketing services.

#### Recommendations

- A. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 4-2080 to select a firm to provide field marketing services for the Los Angeles San Diego San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency for a one-year initial term with two, two-year option terms.
- B. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 4-2080 for selection of a consultant to provide field marketing services for the Los Angeles San Diego San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency.

# Attachments:

Staff Report
Attachment A



# 11. Amendment to Agreement for Videography and Photography Services

# Overview

On March 31, 2023, the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors approved an agreement with JPG, Inc., doing business as Oak Leaf Productions, to provide videography and photography services for the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency for a one-year initial term and two, two-year option terms. Board of Directors' approval is requested to exercise the first option term effective May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2026.

### Recommendation

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. L-2-0010 between the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and JPG, Inc., doing business as Oak Leaf Productions, to exercise the first option term of the agreement, effective May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2026, in the amount of \$300,000, to provide continued videography and photography services to the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency for the Pacific Surfliner marketing program. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$600,000.

#### Attachments:

Staff Report
Attachment A

# Regular Calendar

# 12. State Legislative Update

#### Overview

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency provides updates to the Board of Directors on policy issues, which may directly impact its overall functions, as necessary. This legislative session, Senator Catherine Blakespear (D-Encinitas) has introduced Senate Bill 1098, known as the Southern California Revitalization Act, which creates several new reporting and long-term planning requirements for the California State Transportation Agency Secretary and the metropolitan planning organizations located within the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor. A summary is provided of the main components of the legislation. After receiving feedback and direction from the Board of Directors, staff will work with the author's office and coordinate with member agencies to help inform and identify any areas for potential improvement.

#### Recommendation

Direct staff to engage with the author's office and work with Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor member agency staff to help inform and identify any



potential improvements to Senate Bill 1098 (Blakespear, D-Encinitas).

#### Attachments:

Staff Report

Attachment A

13. Final Approval of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Business Plan Submittal 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

- A. Direct Adopt the Los Angeles San Diego San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency business plan for fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26.
- B. Direct staff to submit the Los Angeles San Diego San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency business plan for fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26 to the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency by April 1, 2024.
- C. Direct staff to return to the Board of Directors in June 2024, as needed, with an updated business plan that includes any revised budget assumptions consistent with the revenue and expense estimates provided by Amtrak for federal fiscal year 2024-25.
- D. Authorize the Managing Director to approve total advertising expenditures to exceed \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25 with Facebook and Google for digital ad placements.

### Attachments:

Staff Report

Attachment A



# **Discussion Items**

# 14. Pacific Surfliner Marketing Update

# Overview

Staff will provide a summary of marketing activities and performance for the second quarter of 2023-24.

# Attachments:

**Presentation** 

# 15. Update on San Clemente Track Closure

# Overview

LOSSAN Staff will provide an update on Pacific Surfliner service in relation to the emergency work at Mariposa Point in San Clemente.

#### 16. Public Comments

# 17. Managing Director's Report

# 18. Board Members' Report

# 19. Adjournment

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

1:15 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024

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