

# LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters Conference Room 07 550 South Main Street Orange, California

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On March 12, 2020 and March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom enacted Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 authorizing a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically or electronically to all members of the public to promote social distancing due to the state and local State of Emergency resulting from the threat of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, and in order to ensure the safety of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) Board of Directors (Board) and staff and for the purposes of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in person public participation at public meetings of the LOSSAN will not be allowed during the time period covered by the above referenced Executive Orders.



Guidance for Public Access to the Board of Directors/Committee Meeting (Continued)

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In order to ensure that staff has the ability to provide comments to the Board Members in a timely manner, please submit your public comments **30 minutes prior to the start time of the Board and Committee meeting date.** 



# 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(02/28/20)

County	Members
Orange:	Al Murray (Chairman)
1 vote	Representing,
	Orange County Transportation Authority
Riverside:	Dana Reed (Vice Chairman)
1 vote	Council Member,
	City of Indian Wells
	Member,
	Riverside County Transportation Commission
Ventura:	Bryan MacDonald (Immediate Past Chairman)
1 vote	Council Member,
	City of Oxnard
	Member,
	Ventura County Transportation Commission
Orange County:	Donna DeMartino
Ex-Officio	Managing Director,
	Ex-Officio Member
	LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency



# Call to Order

# Roll Call

1. Public Comments

# **Special Calendar**

2. Proposed 2021 Board of Directors and Committee Meetings Calendar Al Murray, Chairman

# Overview

Chairman Murray will lead a discussion regarding the 2021 Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors and Committee meetings calendar. The proposed 2021 dates and times for the Board of Directors and Committees is provided in Attachment A.

# Recommendation

Approve the 2021 Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors and Committee meetings calendar.

# **Consent Calendar (Item 3)**

All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Committee Member or a member of the public requests separate action or discussion on a specific item.

# 3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the June 4, 2020, LOSSAN Executive Committee meeting.

# **Regular Calendar**

There are no Regular Calendar items scheduled.



# **Discussion Items**

4. Managing Director's First Six Months and Ongoing Objectives for Fiscal Year 2021-22 Donna DeMartino

The Managing Director will discuss the 100-Day Plan, the first six months, and objectives for fiscal year 2021-22.

# 5. Budget and Operations Update Donna DeMartino

The Managing Director will provide updates on the state of LOSSAN's budget and operations in light of coronavirus impacts.

# 6. Managing Directors' Report

# 7. Committee Members' Reports

# 8. Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

# 9. Adjournment

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

# Thursday, March 4, 2021

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters Conference Room 07 550 South Main Street Orange, California

# ATTACHMENT A



# LOSSAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALENDAR 2021 Board and Committee Meetings and Holidays

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LOSSAN Board of Directors regular meeting 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Meetings will take place at the OCTA headquarters unless otherwise noted

**Executive Committee** 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.





**Committee Members Present** Al Murray, Chairman

Via Teleconference Dana Reed, Vice Chairman Brian MacDonald, Immediate Past Chairman Jennifer L. Bergener, Immediate Past Managing Director

**Committee Members Absent** None

## Staff Present

Martha Ochoa, LOSSAN Clerk of the Board Gina Ramirez, LOSSAN Deputy Clerk of the Board

Via Teleconference Donna DeMartino, Managing Director

James Donich, General Counsel

Call to Order

The June 4, 2020, Los Angeles - San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Murray at 9:00 a.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

# Roll Call

The Deputy Clerk of the Board conducted an attendance Roll Call and announced that there was a guorum of the Executive Committee.

#### 1. **Public Comments**

There were no Public Comments.

# **Special Calendar**

There were no Special Calendar matters.

# Consent Calendar (Item 2)

#### 2. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Reed and seconded by Immediate Past Chairman MacDonald, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 3-0, to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2020, LOSSAN Executive Committee meeting.



# **Regular Calendar**

There were no Regular Calendar items scheduled.

# **Discussion Items**

# 3. Upcoming Board Workshop and Presentations on Capital Projects

Donna DeMartino, Managing Director (MD), provided opening comments and introduced James Campbell, Manager of Programs.

Ms. DeMartino discussed the upcoming Board Member workshop in July 2020, which will focus on LOSSAN projects, prioritization, and funding sources.

Mr. Campbell referenced the Supplemental Information map and summarized the various capital projects the LOSSAN Agency is leading or providing funding.

Chairman Murray expressed his concerns about maximizing attendance at the workshop. He requested staff delay the workshop until September or October until the Orange County Transportation Authority building reopened.

Vice Chairman Reed requested when scheduling the workshop that it is held right after a Board meeting.

# 4. Managing Directors' Report

Donna DeMartino, MD, provided opening comments and introduced Jason Jewell, Finance and Administration Manager, and Roger M. Lopez, Manager of Planning and Analysis, to give some up to date information about what staff has been planning for the future after the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Jason Jewell, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief update on the following:

- State may revise budget overview.
- Reviewed the inter-city rail program for the California Joint Powers Authority (JPA).
- Expects a response to LOSSAN's administrative and marketing budgets by the end of the month.



# 4. (Continued)

- Staff is currently researching Amtrak police costs and the possibility of the California Highway Patrol providing services as an alternative.
- Staff continues to analyze the cost allocations and reflect on what is happening on the LOSSAN route.
- Amtrak has received Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for the current fiscal year and will help relieve the state payments through the end of their fiscal year, September of 2020. This legislation caps the LOSSAN payments to 80 percent. Amtrak submitted an official request for fiscal year 21 funding relief, and it would kick in and cover the amount of difference between revenues and expenses.

Mr. Lopez reporting on the following:

- Cost-saving and funding elements that staff is pursuing to ensure that the LOSSAN service continues to run as planned over the next year and a half.
- Thruway bus service has become an area that all three of the JPA's are watching closely. The thruway bus service's overall ridership has gone down approximately 30 percent over the last three years. Even before COVID-19, expenses are nearly doubling throughout that same period.
- Several capital projects have experienced delays in implementation due to some issues that LOSSAN had with the original estimates that Amtrak engineering provided. They have revised those estimates and doubled the cost of the projects, and added the COVID pandemic. Amtrak also informed us all capital projects not currently active in the process had been put on hold until at least the next federal fiscal year.
- Any safety-sensitive projects necessary for the Pacific Surfliner's ongoing operation will have their funding maintained. This funding would be allocated to functions specific to projects approved by the state.



## 5. Committee Members' Reports

Immediate Past Chairman MacDonald thanked Ms. DeMartino and staff for their efforts.

Vice Chairman Reed echoed Immediate Past Chairman MacDonald's sentiment regarding Ms. DeMartino and the staff.

Chairman Murray thanked the staff for all their hard work. He also discussed the great video that the public relations team put together, which can be seen on the Board of Directors last weekly report.

## 6. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

### 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

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

#### Thursday, November 5, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters Conference Room 07 550 South Main Street Orange, California

ATTEST

Gina Ramirez LOSSAN Agency Deputy Clerk of the Board

Al Murray LOSSAN Agency Chairman