



**Committee Members** 

Gregg Hart, SBCAG, Chairman Jewel Edson, NCTD, Vice Chair Dana Reed, RCTC, Director Jess Talamantes, Metro, Director Jason Jewel, Interim Managing Director Orange County Transportation Authority Board Room 550 South Main Street Orange, California Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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#### Call to Order

#### **Roll Call**

Pledge of Allegiance Director Edson

#### **Special Calendar**

There are no Special Calendar matters.

#### **Consent Calendar (Item 1)**

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.

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2022 LOSSAN Executive Committee meeting.



#### **Regular Calendar**

There are no Regular Calendar items scheduled.

#### **Discussion Items**

2. Marketing Update

Roger M. Lopez

Staff will provide a presentation on current marketing efforts and plans for the summer.

3. Status of Independent Legal Counsel Work Jason Jewell

Staff will provide a status of the independent legal counsel's work in reviewing governing documents.

- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Managing Directors' Report
- 6. Committee Members' Reports
- 7. Closed Session

A Closed Session will be held as follows:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) - Conference with General Counsel - Potential Litigation - One Item

#### 8. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2022**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority, Board Room, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.



**Committee Members Present Via Teleconference** Gregg Hart, Chairman Jewel Edson, Vice Chair Dana Reed Jess Talamantes

#### Staff Present

Jason Jewell, Interim Managing Director Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist Allison Cheshire, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior

#### Via Teleconference

James Donich, General Counsel LOSSAN Staff

Committee Members Absent None

#### Call to Order

The May 5, 2022, Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Hart at 9:01 a.m.

#### Roll Call

Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist, conducted an attendance roll call and announced a quorum of the Executive Committee.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Director Talamantes led in the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Special Calendar**

There were no Special Calendar matters.

#### **Consent Calendar (Item 1)**

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Reed, seconded by Director Talamantes, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2022, LOSSAN Executive Committee meeting.

#### **Regular Calendar**

There were no Regular Calendar items.



#### **Discussion Items**

#### 2. Managing Director 100-day Action Plan

Jason Jewell, Interim Managing Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation and a discussion ensued.

Director Reed requested to have this item presented at the next LOSSAN Board meeting.

Chairman Hart requested that equipment refreshing, and upgrades are added to the Managing Director's Action Plan.

#### 3. Status of Legal Counsel

Jason Jewell, Interim Managing Director, reported on the following:

- Overview of the request to have the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) use its internal conflict of interest process to obtain independent legal counsel to assist in the investigation of the governing documents.
- OCTA's General Counsel Woodruff, Spradlin, and Smart recommended Colin Burns from Harper & Burns to represent the LOSSAN Agency.
- Last week, Mr. Jewell and Chairman Hart had a phone call with Mr. Burns.

Mr. Burns stated he appreciates the LOSSAN Board of Directors' (Board) confidence in him and will have something in writing for the Board soon.

#### 4. Public Comments

There were no public comments received.

#### 5. Managing Director's Report

Jason Jewell, Interim Managing Director, reported on the following:

- Preliminary ridership for the month of April was just over 154,000 riders which is a 15 percent increase over the prior months. It is the highest monthly total since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Continue to coordinate with Amtrak on the Del Mar and Comic Con events coming up to address equipment and crew needs.
- Reinstate in-person Board meetings starting in June or continue to meet virtually depending on the Board's desire.



Director Talamantes inquired about who takes the initiative in marketing campaigns and Roger Lopez, Planning and Communications Manager, responded that LOSSAN staff reaches out to the Visitor's Bureau along the corridor especially during the busy summer season.

#### 6. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.

#### 7. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

#### 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2022**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Board Room, 500 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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Sahara Meisenheimer Clerk of the Board Specialist



## Marketing Update

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Post COVID-Ridership Recovery Marketing Plan

## Goal: Increase ridership, particularly weekday ridership

• Attract new and returning riders back to the Pacific Surfliner through a focus on targeted marketing that leverages behavioral science for optimum results

	Understand	Direct	Expand Brand
	Customers	Communications	Awareness
•	Demographic and behavioral survey Intercept surveys Focus groups	<ul> <li>Email marketing campaigns and monthly newsletter</li> <li>Digital advertising on Google and social media</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Partnerships (Visitors Bureaus, Attractions, Sports teams, Cities)</li> <li>Positive media coverage (Earned + Influencer campaigns)</li> </ul>

## Companion Fares Promotion

- Incentivizing midweek group travel to grow ridership
- Buy one ticket, get up to three companions at 50% discount
- Promoted online, through press releases, on social media, and by partners

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## Amtrak Offering Midweek Savings on Pacific Surfliner

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Amtrak Pacific Surfliner. (photo via Laser1987 / iStock / Getty Images Plus)

Amtrak announced its Pacific Surfliner service would offer special savings on midweek train travel through June 29.

The limited-time offer will offer Pacific Surfliner passengers who travel between Monday and Thursday the chance to purchase one regular full-fare adult ticket and book up to three companions on the same reservation at a 50 percent discount.



## Travel Together and Save

Book one midweek ticket and bring up to three people at half off through June 30.

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## Destination Partnerships

- Collaborating with Convention and Visitors Bureaus (CVBs) along the corridor
- Exploring cross-promotional opportunities with each partner
- Integrating destinationspecific events and attractions into website and social media channels



Pacific Surfliner 🥝

Plan a weekend San Luis Obispo in honor of Earth Day! S It's a great place to enjoy the outdoors, with hiking trails, tree-lined streets, and a nearby wine country.

Save 20% on Pacific Surfliner trips to San Luis Obispo County when you register for the car-free program. Learn more: https://pac.surf/3lh5sb3



## Sample content collaborations



Ride with us just north of Los Angeles, to Burbank! Participate in a studio tour, go on a private helicopter tour, catch a flight, or spend some time outdoors! We stop just outside of the airport.

Read more: http://pac.surf/Burbank



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## Rediscover Southern California

- Inviting communities to travel by train to both new and beloved destinations along the route
- KDOC Summer of Fun
- Radio advertising

# Rediscover Southern California

# SURFLINER.

PacificSurfliner.com

Rediscover Southern California Campaign: 30 second video



## Angels Partnership

- Season-long partnership to reach local sports fans
- Increasing awareness of the service through radio and online advertisements, digital signage, and more
- Partnerships with other professional and amateur teams are being explored

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Angels.com Homepage Takeover: dedicated days where our brand takes over all advertising space on the Angels' homepage

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## Attractions Partnerships

The Disneyland Resort and the San Diego Zoo

- Ongoing partnerships with world-famous destinations to promote train travel
- Exclusive e-ticket • stores provide discounts for Pacific Surfliner customers







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# Café Car Refresh

- Online survey introduced to riders to capture food and beverage preferences
- Café coupon incentivized participation
- More than 1,200 responses in one month
- Data will be used to update offerings with the goal of increasing sales

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Supporting Our Local Economy

Café Car Offerings  As part of our menu refresh, we will focus even more on including local products in support of the businesses that can be found on the LOSSAN Corridor. Some relationships currently being developed:

• Herzog Wineries (Paso Robles)



- HumaniTea (Irvine) packaged in environmentally friendly cartons, a percentage of profits go to support suicide prevention and other humanitarian causes
- Fresh Grill Foods (Santa Ana) provides high quality fresh prepared food with healthier options
- Ventura Coast Brew Company (Ventura)





## Passenger Communications

- Informing riders of service adjustments as well as riding tips ahead of the summer travel season
- Station posters, Twitter alerts, and a press release will share important details
- Covering Rail 2 Rail suspension, benefits of Business Class, expected busy trains, and more





## RAIL 2 RAIL® PROGRAM BLACKOUT DATES

Memorial Day Weekend: May 27-31 4th of July Weekend: July 1-5 Comic-Con/Opening Weekend of Del Mar Races: July 20-25 Labor Day Weekend: September 2-6

#### Metrolink and COASTER passes will not be accepted. Amtrak tickets will be required.

Plan ahead and book early. Upgrade to Business Class for a guaranteed seat.



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ALERT: Trains 777, 782, 785 & 591 are expected to be busy tomorrow btwn LAX & SAN. Consider Business Class (if available) or other trains for best seating availability.



# Pet Program

- Social posts to announce the program were seen more than 15,000 times and had more than 4,400 likes, comments, clicks, and photo views
- Major media outlets including Good Day LA, KTLA, KSBY, and others

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## Good Day LA: Furry Friday Segment





We are paws-itively excited to announce that we're introducing a pet program on the Pacific Surfliner! Add a pet reservation to your trip for \$26 each way and bring your small dog or cat along for the ride.

Get details and trip ideas here: pac.surf/pets





#### Becky Jackson

I am so over the top super excited about this!! I haven't been able to visit my friends and family for years, because I don't drive and surfliner wouldn't accept animals. Thank you thank you so much this changes my life!

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#### Ehria Elizaboth Mendez

Yay!! Now Wookie and I can go home to San Diego and back w/ out having to bother family to pick us up in LA!! I've been waiting for this option since 2011. I live in LA alone no family near me and I don't drive. All my fam is in San Diego. THANK YOU

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Yaaasss!!! Oh I do hope there are some puppers on our summer ride!!  $\mathbf{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{\mathbf{v}}$ 

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