

## MINUTES

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

## **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

## **Committee Members Absent**

None

#### Via Teleconference

James Donich, General Counsel LOSSAN Staff

#### **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.

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#### **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.

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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

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