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To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jennifer L. Bergener, Managing Director 

Subject: Minor Capital Improvement Projects – Fiscal Year 2015-16 Priority Projects List

Overview

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency receives funding for minor capital improvement projects on an annual basis. A priority list of minor capital improvement projects to utilize these funds has been developed in coordination with the California Department of Transportation, Division of Rail and Mass Transportation and Amtrak Engineering personnel. The priority list of minor capital improvement projects for fiscal year 2015-16 funding is presented for Board of Directors review and approval.

Recommendations

- A. Review and approve the proposed projects for the fiscal year 2015-16 minor capital improvement projects program.
- B. Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement between the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and Amtrak to implement the minor capital improvement projects program.

Background

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DRMT) annually allocates approximately \$500,000 for the delivery of minor capital improvement projects to passenger rail facilities on the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor. Projects funded through this program include station and track improvements, informational signage, and minor safety and security enhancements. The LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) has developed a priority list of projects for utilization of available fiscal year 2015-16 funds.

Discussion

Minor capital improvement projects must follow the approval process outlined by Caltrans DRMT. In general, the program guidelines require eligible projects to involve the construction, installation, alteration, or repair of a physical improvement to rail facilities, such as stations, maintenance yards, or tracks. Projects submitted for funding under the program must also be under the cost limit established by the California Public Contract Code for a “minor” capital improvement (currently set at \$291,000).

The LOSSAN Agency has worked with member agencies, station owners, and personnel from Amtrak engineering to develop a prioritized list of projects for this state-funded program. As part of that effort, the LOSSAN Agency has worked to maximize the minor capital improvement funding available for customer service-focused improvements that enhance the passenger experience. This has been accomplished by utilizing other sources, such as grants provided via the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, to fill immediate safety and security needs. The proposed program of projects are detailed in Attachment A. The list was developed in an effort to maintain geographic equity, while giving attention to specific needs that have been identified as part of station and facilities audits.

Next Steps

Upon Board approval of the proposed program of projects, LOSSAN Agency staff will submit the projects for approval by Caltrans DRMT. Depending on feedback received during the approval process, projects and/or scopes of work may be adjusted as needed to receive approval. Once the project implementation process begins, LOSSAN Agency staff will return to the Board with semi-annual status updates on all minor capital improvement projects.

Summary

Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency staff has developed a priority list of projects to utilize fiscal year 2015-16 minor capital improvement project funds. The priority list of projects is presented for Board of Directors review and approval.

Attachment

- A. LOSSAN Minor Capital Improvement Projects - FY 2015-16 Funding Allocations

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