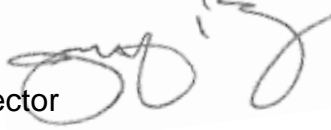




July 16, 2018

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jennifer L. Bergener, Managing Director 

Subject: San Diego Maintenance and Layover Facility Study Update

Overview

The California State Transportation Agency has made approximately \$300,000 available to advance the planning process for identifying and evaluating potential locations for a new maintenance and layover facility for the Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service in San Diego. This report provides an update on the San Diego Maintenance and Layover Facility Study.

Recommendation

Direct staff to develop a scope of work and schedule in coordination with the California Department of Transportation, Amtrak, the San Diego Association of Governments, North County Transit District, and San Diego Metropolitan Transit System for the San Diego Maintenance and Layover Facility Study.

Background

On June 5, 2018, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) informed the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) that approximately \$300,000 of Public Transportation Account funds had been made available to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate potential locations for a new maintenance and layover facility for the Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service in San Diego.

Discussion

Overnight storage capacity at the Santa Fe Depot (Depot) in downtown San Diego is currently constrained and prohibits the ability to grow the Pacific Surfliner service to support the objectives included in the State Rail Plan and the LOSSAN Agency's Business Plan.

The Depot has four platform tracks that serve both Pacific Surfliner and COASTER commuter trains each day. Currently, there are four Pacific Surfliner trains that start out of the Depot each morning and are stored overnight at the Depot. Because of the need to allow for BNSF Railway (BNSF) freight trains to operate each night through downtown San Diego to and from their yard in National City, these four Pacific Surfliner trains are stored on only three tracks, so the fourth track is available for BNSF movements. The first Pacific Surfliner train must also depart the Depot prior to the morning commuter rush to ensure platform capacity is available for COASTER commuter trains arriving from Oceanside.

LOSSAN Agency staff has been coordinating with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DRMT), Amtrak, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the North County Transit District (NCTD) and San Diego Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS) to develop a scope of work for a study to evaluate possible locations for a new Pacific Surfliner overnight layover and maintenance facility near downtown San Diego. The scope of work will seek to identify and evaluate potential locations within San Diego County sufficient to maintain and store the existing and future equipment needs for the Pacific Surfliner service.

Staff will continue working with Caltrans DRMT, Amtrak, SANDAG, NCTD and MTS through the summer to complete the scope of work and develop appropriate evaluation criteria for selecting a consultant to perform the study. Staff will return to the Board once the scope of work has been completed to seek approval for the proposed evaluation criteria and authorization to release the request for proposals to solicit consultant bids to perform the study.

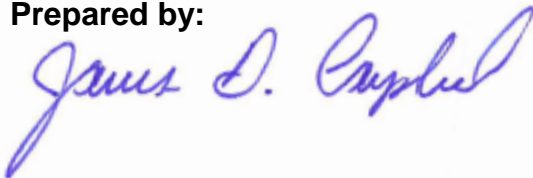
Summary

On June 5, 2018, the California State Transportation Agency informed the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency that approximately \$300,000 of Public Transportation Account money had been made available to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate potential locations for a new maintenance and layover facility for the Pacific Surfliner service in San Diego. Staff is working with the California Department of Transportation, Amtrak, San Diego Association of Governments, North County Transit District and San Diego County Metropolitan Transit System to develop a scope of work to solicit consultant support in evaluating potential locations for a maintenance and layover facility for the Pacific Surfliner in San Diego.

Attachment

None.

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