



Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

JANUARY 17, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on January 17, 2019, at 12:30 p.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority in Conference Room 103.

Committee members in attendance:

In Person:

Rosa Guillen-Sanchez, OCTA

Via Teleconference:

Danny Veeh, SANDAG

Heather Miller, VCTC

Jay Fuhrman, LA Metro

Scott Spaulding, SBCAG

Anna Devers, SLOCOG

Guests and Staff in attendance:

In Person:

Dustin Sifford, OCTA

Jason Jewell, LOSSAN

Jay Ellis, LOSSAN

Jennifer L. Bergener, LOSSAN

John Brau, LOSSAN

Lauren German, WSP

Michael Litschi, LOSSAN

Michelle Caudill, Amtrak

Nereida Villasenor, LOSSAN

Roger Lopez, LOSSAN

Via Teleconference:

Eric Reese, Public

Jazmin Amini, SANDAG

Jerry Martin, Public

Linda Culp, SANDAG

Mary Reese, Public

Ron Mathieu, SCRRA

Steve Fox, SCAG

Tim Gillham, SLOCOG

Welcome and Introductions

The January 17, 2019, LOSSAN Agency TAC meeting was called to order by Mr. Michael Litschi, Communications and Customer Experience Manager (LOSSAN), who welcomed the LOSSAN Agency TAC to the Orange County Transportation Authority, 600 South Main Street, California. Mr. Litschi asked the participants in the room and over the teleconference line for introductions.

1. Public Comments

Mr. Eric Reese suggested the integration of Transit Access Passes and Compass cards with Amtrak ticketing to the Committee as a general public comment. In addition, Mr. Reese provided comment on Item 3 on the agenda, encouraging the LOSSAN Agency and the City of Goleta to consider a siding or second track be added to the Goleta station to allow Pacific Surfliner equipment to turn without needing to move the equipment north of the station to situate the train for travel south of the station.

SPECIAL CALENDAR

There were no Special Calendar matters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar matters.

REGULAR CALENDAR

2. Final Draft of the 2019 Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Legislative Program

Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) introduced Mr. Dustin Sifford (OCTA) to the Committee. Mr. Sifford presented the final draft of the 2019 LOSSAN Agency Legislative Program to the Committee. Mr. Sifford directed attention to the attachments of the staff report while informing the Committee that no significant changes were proposed since the draft legislative program was brought to the Board of Directors, but the changes proposed by the Board of Directors were reflected in the attachments. The final draft of the legislative program will be presented for approval at the January 30, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

The Committee recommended the final draft of the 2019 Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Legislative Program to the Board of Directors (Spaulding/Fuhrman)

3. Capital Improvement Program – Priority Projects List Development

Mr. Roger Lopez (LOSSAN) introduced the item to the Committee and provided background on the Capital Improvement Program including funding, the intent of the program over the next few years, and the development of the priority projects list. Staff emphasized the importance of prioritizing safety projects at this time.

The Committee expressed concern over involvement in the development of the priority projects list. Members recalled participating in a station audit in 2012 as part of strategic implementation plan and would like to see that opportunity extended to future list development, including prioritization of projects.

A discussion ensued regarding additional capital improvement projects for consideration on the priority list, project completion dates, the differences between the stations and facilities audit list (Attachment A) and the draft project list, how shared-use agreements for stations dictate the parties responsible for ongoing maintenance and station improvements.

Staff reminded the Committee that the project list is vetted through the California Department of Transportation and the California State Transportation Agency.

The Committee requested follow up on the project list before the Business Plan is formally submitted to the State.

The Committee recommended the program of capital improvement projects with TAC comments to the Board of Directors (Veeh/Guillen-Sanchez)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Annual Business Plan and Budget Assumptions for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and Fiscal Year 2020-21

Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) introduced the item to the Committee and directed attention to the agenda packet, which contained supplemental information for this discussion item.

Mr. Jason Jewell (LOSSAN) provided background on development of the annual business plan and budget assumptions. Mr. Jewell reviewed a list of assumptions with the Committee in detail.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed 13th roundtrip between San Diego and Los Angeles. The Committee posed questions about equipment availability, extending the roundtrip from Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo, and project timeline. The Committee also inquired about state advocacy professional services and the addition of a Program Manager to the LOSSAN Agency staff.

Mr. Lopez (LOSSAN) informed the Committee that the draft business plan will be available for Committee member review and comment before the draft goes to the LOSSAN Board of Directors in February. The final business plan and budget assumptions are expected to be presented to the LOSSAN Board of Directors at the March 18, 2019 meeting in order to meet the April 1 deadline.

There was no further discussion.

5. Cooperative Agreement for On-Time Performance Incentive Program with North County Transit District

Mr. James Campbell (LOSSAN) provided background on the on-time performance incentive program and explained the funding for the program to the Committee. The Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service operates 24 daily trains through North County Transit District territory, making up approximately 50 percent of activity in the territory. The increased funding is intended to support ongoing operations and maintenance at a level that reflects use in the region. In addition, the incentive funding is tied to the 90 percent on-time performance metric set by the State of California. The incentive payment can be adjusted as service needs change in the future.

A brief discussion ensued regarding delays and incentive programs with other host railroads.

6. Upcoming Agenda Items

Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) provided a brief overview of the agenda items for the January 30, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

There was a short discussion about the Election of Officers and a request from the Committee to include additional information about action items in the future.

7. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Update

Ms. Jennifer L. Bergener (LOSSAN) reminded the Committee that appointment letters were needed and to please coordinate with member agency leadership. In addition, Ms. Bergener announced the passing of Director Pettis.

Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) informed the Committee that the membership roster listed in the agenda should reflect the representation from San Luis Obispo Council of Governments to be Ms. Anna Devers as the Appointee and Mr. Tim Gillham as the Alternate. This information will be corrected in the next agenda.

8. Technical Advisory Committee Members' Report

Mr. Danny Veeh (SANDAG) announced the opening of 1.5 miles of double track as part of the San Elijo Lagoon Double Track project. The project included a new bridge over the lagoon and the extension of double track north of Solana Beach to Encinitas to close a gap between two double track segments. In addition, Mr. Veeh provided an update on an at-grade crossing improvement project.

Ms. Rosa Guillen-Sanchez (OCTA) reported that Metrolink ran special event service to the Los Angeles Rams (LA Rams) playoff football game, where nearly 500 passengers took advantage of the late-night service.

Mr. Jay Fuhrman (LA Metro) informed the Committee that the LINK US project draft Environmental Impact Report was released and available on the LA Metro website for viewing and comments. Mr. Fuhrman provided an update on special train service for the LA Rams, Women's March, and a Lunar New Year event. In addition, Mr. Fuhrman relayed updates on the canopy refurbishment project at Los Angeles Union Station on behalf of Metrolink.

Mr. Scott Spaulding (SBCAG) inquired about the procedure to request agenda items for future Committee meetings and requested LOSSAN Agency staff look into the option for the Committee to elect a chair and vice chair.

Ms. Heather Miller (VCTC) echoed the updates of special train service for the upcoming Women's March, as there is typically no weekend service on the Ventura County line. In addition, Ms. Miller informed the Committee that Proposition 1B funding was used to expand the parking lot at the Moorpark station.

Mr. Tim Gillham (SLOCOG) provided a brief update to the Committee on the Grover Beach station project.

9. Closed Session

There is no Closed Session scheduled.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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

Thursday, February 7, 2019

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Henry Huntington Room – Third Floor

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