



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

JUNE 10, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on June 10, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Silver Lake Conference Room, 18th Floor.

Committee members in attendance:

In Person:

Danny Veeh, SANDAG
Heather Miller, VCTC
Jay Fuhrman, LA Metro
Rosa Guillen-Sanchez, OCTA
Scott Spaulding, SBCAG

Via Teleconference:

Anna Devers, SLOCOG
Sheldon Peterson, RCTC

Guests and Staff in attendance:

In Person:

James Campbell, LOSSAN
Emilia Doerr, LOSSAN
Michael Litschi, LOSSAN
Ron Mathieu, SCRRA
Eric Reese, Public
Jerry Martin, Public

Via Teleconference:

Claire Grasty VCTC
Alcon Tapia RCTC

Welcome and Introductions

The June 10, 2019, LOSSAN Agency TAC meeting was called to order by Mr. Michael Litschi, Communications and Passenger Experience Manager (LOSSAN), who welcomed the LOSSAN TAC to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, One Gateway Plaza, California. Mr. Litschi asked the participants in the room and over the teleconference line for introductions.

1. Public Comments

Mr. Eric Reese presented an in-depth proposal for additional siding between San Juan Capistrano/Dana Point and San Onofre to close the double-track gap. Mr. Reese emphasized that the siding project would reduce delay time and allow for increased train frequency and open train slots on the schedule.

Mr. Reese presented a proposal to improve on-time performance of the Pacific Surfliner. Mr. Reese encouraged the Committee to consider a combined dispatch center for Pacific Surfliner and long-distance trains. The current dispatch system is decentralized, requiring dispatchers from one hub to contact dispatchers at another hub for delay information. The proposal suggests that a centralized dispatch center would allow for dispatchers to coordinate train movement, send

out timely information about delays, work on train reroutes, and improve connections between the Pacific Surfliner and long-distance service.

Mr. Reese also encouraged the Committee and LOSSAN Agency staff to consider an incentive program similar to the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority and Union Pacific Railroad to shift maintenance work to overnight hours to reduce the number of speed restrictions and slow orders during operating hours.

SPECIAL CALENDAR

There were no Special Calendar matters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Danny Veeh (SANDAG) pulled Item 2 and Item 3 from the Consent Calendar for discussion as a whole.

- 2. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Trends for the Fourth Quarter of Federal Fiscal Year 2017-18**
- 3. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Trends for the First Quarter of Federal Fiscal Year 2018-19**

Mr. Veeh inquired about the delay in reporting the information to the Committee.

Mr. Roger Lopez (LOSSAN) informed the Committee that there was a delay as Amtrak moved to a self-service portal and the data received after that change was not what LOSSAN Agency Staff needed for these reports. Mr. Lopez reported that data through June had not be received, but it is expected soon.

There was no further discussion

The consent calendar was approved by the Committee. Item 2 and Item 3 were filed as information items (Fuhrman /Miller)

REGULAR CALENDAR

There were no Regular Calendar Items

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 4. Pacific Surfliner – Quarterly On-Time Performance Analysis**

Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) introduced the item and directed attention to the PowerPoint presentation that was distributed with the agenda.

Mr. Lopez (LOSSAN) presented the item to the Committee via PowerPoint. Mr. Lopez provided a brief background on the Corridor Improvement Team (CIT) and the goals of that group. Mr. Lopez explained the difference in data shared at the CIT and the data shared in the presentation and how the data helps to uncover the underlying cause of delays on the LOSSAN rail corridor.

The Committee asked clarification questions throughout the presentation involving COASTER dispatch and an increase to Amtrak delays. The Committee inquired about Charger Locomotive-related delays, Mr. James Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a brief equipment update related to the locomotives. There was a request from the Committee for future updates to include action that has been taken to address identified causes of delay between updates.

LOSSAN Agency staff intend on returning to the Committee on a quarterly basis to share on-time performance analysis.

There was no further discussion.

5. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and Business Plan Update

Mr. Jason Jewell (LOSSAN) gave a brief background on the budget and business plan before providing an update on the status of the annual budget and business plan. This update included the material changes proposed in the updated version of the business plan.

The Committee requested a formal staff report for future updates of this nature.

Mr. Jewell informed the Committee that the amended budget and business plan would be brought to the LOSSAN Agency Board of Directors on June 17, 2019 for consideration and approval.

Mr. Jewell fielded clarification questions throughout the update regarding equipment availability, vacant staff positions, and Amtrak overages.

There was no further discussion.

6. Pacific Surfliner Website Redesign

Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) introduced Ms. Emilia Doerr (LOSSAN) to the Committee and directed attention to the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet.

Ms. Doerr (LOSSAN) provided the Committee with an update on the Pacific Surfliner website via a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Doerr highlighted the optimized areas of the website that will deliver a more engaging and customer-focused online experience, including a booking widget and a train status widget. The website is slated to launch summer 2019. In addition, Ms. Doerr introduced Mr. Keith Mura (LOSSAN) as the newest member of the LOSSAN Agency marketing team.

The Committee asked general clarification questions regarding the website features and functionality.

There was no further discussion.

7. Capital Projects Update

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) gave an update on three capital projects: Central Coast Layover Facility Expansion, Goleta Layover Facility Expansion, and the San Diego Layover and Maintenance Facility Study. Mr. Campbell informed the Committee of the progress made on the three projects including stakeholder meeting dates and agreement statuses. Staff intends to provide updates to the Committee as they become available.

There was no discussion.

8. Senate Bill 742

Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) provided a brief overview of Senate Bill 742 and what it could mean for the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency and Pacific Surfliner service, as it relates to providing connecting Thruway bus service that would not require a train trip to be booked in order to utilize Thruway bus service.

The Committee asked clarification questions. Staff will continue to provide updates.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

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

The Committee inquired about the proposed amendments to the LOSSAN Agency Contracting and Procurement Policy. Mr. Litschi briefly explained that the proposed amendments involved purchasing advertising through Google and granting signing authority for letter amendments to the Managing Director. There was no further discussion.

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

Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) updated the Committee on the recent Pacific Surfliner Café car menu and business class amenity refresh and plans for service during the opening week of Del Mar racing season and San Diego Comic-Con. Mr. Litschi also reminded the Committee members to send TAC appointment letters, per the LOSSAN bylaws.

11. Technical Advisory Committee Members' Report

Mr. Scott Spaulding (SBCAG) inquired about meeting minutes. Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) informed the Committee that there is a delay in reporting the meeting minutes and the issue would be remedied.

Mr. Ron Mathieu (SCRRA) provided an update on Van Nuys North platform project, shared photos, and informed the Committee of the temporary housing solution coming to the station for people experiencing homelessness.

Mr. Sheldon Peterson (RCTC) provided a brief update on the Indio special event platform.

12. Closed Session

There was no Closed Session scheduled.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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

Thursday, September 5, 2019

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Henry Huntington Room – Third Floor

One Gateway Center, Los Angeles, California