



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

JULY 8, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on July 8, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority in Conference Room 103.

## **Committee members in attendance:**

### *In Person:*

Danny Veeh, SANDAG  
Rosa Guillen-Sanchez, OCTA

### *Via Teleconference:*

Anna Devers, SLOCOG  
Sheldon Peterson, RCTC  
Heather Miller, VCTC  
Scott Spaulding, SBCAG

## **Guests and Staff in attendance:**

### *In Person:*

James Campbell, LOSSAN  
Michael Litschi, LOSSAN

### *Via Teleconference:*

Ron Mathieu, SCRRA  
Eric Reese, Public  
Jerry Martin, Public

## **Welcome and Introductions**

The July 8, 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 Orange County Transportation Authority, 600 S. Main Street, Orange, California. Mr. Litschi asked the participants in the room and over the teleconference line for introductions.

Mr. Litschi informed the Committee that a quorum of members was not reached, so no action would be taken during this meeting.

## **1. Public Comments**

Mr. Eric Reese presented a proposal to reimagine the Amtrak Rewards program with specific recommendations for the Pacific Surfliner service. In addition, Mr. Reese provided comments on the Coachella Valley service, informing the Committee that RCTC has been provided a detailed analysis for establishing a

passenger right-of-way in San Bernardino county to separate freight and passenger trains.

## **SPECIAL CALENDAR**

There were no Special Calendar matters.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

*No action was taken due to lack of quorum.*

## **REGULAR CALENDAR**

There were no Regular Calendar Items

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **3. Amtrak Operating Agreement Update**

Mr. Jason Jewell (LOSSAN) introduced himself to the Committee and provided an update on the status of the Amtrak Operating Agreement that included background on previous operating agreements and how the upcoming agreement differs. Mr. Jewell explained that LOSSAN staff will be recommending a 1-year agreement instead of a 2-year agreement, which will be presented to the Board of Directors at the July 15, 2019 meeting.

LOSSAN staff fielded questions regarding Wi-Fi service on the Pacific Surfliner including concerns over reliability and anticipated changes that may impact customer experience.

Mr. Spaulding (SBCAG) requested that a discussion item be added to a future TAC agenda to further discuss Wi-Fi service and a discussion item for an update on equipment procurement and corridor-wide equipment allocation.

There was no further discussion.

### **4. Capital Projects Update**

Mr. James Campbell (LOSSAN) provided an update on the layover facility projects in San Diego, Goleta, and San Luis Obispo.

Mr. Campbell covered how stakeholders are being involved in the early stages of the projects, upcoming meetings set to move projects forward, and fielded clarification questions from the Committee.

There was no further discussion.

**5. Coachella Valley Music Festivals Special Event Service Update**

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided an update on the coordinated efforts with RCTC for special event service in Coachella Valley. Mr. Peterson (RCTC) expressed appreciation for the support on the special event train platform at the Indio station.

There was no discussion.

**6. Upcoming Agenda Items**

Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) provided a brief overview of the agenda items for the July 15, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a brief overview of the Funding Request for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates Phase of the Central Coast Layover Facility Expansion Project item.

Mr. Spaulding (SBCAG) inquired about an on-time performance workshop to follow the July Board of Directors meeting. Staff informed the Committee that information will be made available when plans are finalized.

Mr. Veeh (SANDAG) requested that the Corridor Trends and On-Time Performance Analysis be brought to the Committee prior to the Board in the future. In addition, Mr. Veeh requested that staff share stakeholder meeting information with the Committee and a timeline of when the Committee can expect to see the annual business plan.

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

Mr. Litschi (LOSSAN) informed the Committee of the efforts being put forth in preparing for the upcoming San Diego Comic-Con and opening weekend of Del Mar racing season including working with Amtrak to ensure that extra crews, equipment, and signage are available for that week. In addition, LOSSAN Agency staff is doing media outreach to help spread the word to expect busy trains during that timeframe. Mr. Litschi also gave a brief update on the Café car menu refresh.

**8. Technical Advisory Committee Members' Report**

Ms. Rosa Guillen-Sanchez (OCTA) reported on the Angels Express service offered by Metrolink for Angels weeknight home games and the OC Fair Express bus service offered by OCTA.

Mr. Danny Veeh (SANDAG) informed the Committee about efforts being made to open a grand central station south of Old Town in San Diego.

Mr. Ron Mathieu (SCRRA) reported on the earthquake protocol that was activated for the Antelope Valley line due to increased seismic activity earlier in the week.

**9. Closed Session**

There was no Closed Session scheduled.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 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