



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

NOVEMBER 7, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on November 7, 2019, at 12:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Henry Huntington Room, 3rd Floor.

Committee members in attendance:

In Person:

Jay Fuhrman, LA Metro
Danny Veeh, SANDAG
Heather Miller, VCTC

Via Teleconference:

Sheldon Peterson, RCTC
Scott Spaulding, SBCAG
Damon Blythe, NCTD

Guests and Staff in attendance:

In Person:

James Campbell, LOSSAN
Michael Litschi, LOSSAN
Jay Ellis, LOSSAN
Steven Griego, LOSSAN
Ariel Tapia, RCTC
Lorelle Moe-Luna, RCTC

Welcome and Introductions

The November 7, 2019, LOSSAN Agency TAC meeting was called to order by Mr. James Campbell, LOSSAN Program Manager, who welcomed the LOSSAN TAC to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, One Gateway Plaza, California. Mr. Campbell asked the participants in the room and over the teleconference line for introductions.

1. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

SPECIAL CALENDAR

There were no Special Calendar matters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Danny Veeh (SANDAG) questioned why not all the minutes have been presented. Mr. James Campbell (LOSSAN) acknowledged he would look into it and would try and have any pending meeting minutes presented at the next TAC meeting. There was no further discussion.

The Committee approved the March 7, 2019, June 10, 2019, and July 8, 2019 meeting minutes

3. Annual Business Plan and Budget Assumptions for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22

4. Update on the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Funded Projects and Layover Facility Expansions

The consent calendar was approved by the Committee.

REGULAR CALENDAR

There are no Regular Calendar matters.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. 2020 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Update

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided an overview on the 2020 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program guidelines and call for projects. A meeting with Caltrans and CalSTA was held to discuss the proposed application from the LOSSAN Agency, including the potential purchase the Pacific Surfliner pieces of equipment that are currently owned by Amtrak and to overhaul the equipment and funding for the next phases of the San Diego County Maintenance and Layover Facility and additional funding for the construction of phase one of the Central Coast Layover Facility Expansion.

Mr. Campbell also mentioned funding for a valuation study of both the Santa Barbara and Coast subdivisions to identify the potential real estate value of that right-of-way.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the equipment. There was no further discussion.

6. Upcoming Agenda Items

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a brief overview of the agenda items for the November 18, 2019 Board of Directors meeting and the meeting will be held at the OCTA offices.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the agenda items. There was no further discussion.

7. On-Board Wi-Fi Update

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) discussed that Amtrak installed in 2011 the existing Wi-Fi service on the Pacific Surfliner and has been managing this service as part of a national program that they implemented. Mr. Campbell also mentioned that they were notified earlier in 2019 that Amtrak would be ceasing support for the Wi-Fi services beginning September 30, 2020, due to costs and would like to focus on passenger service, rather than technical elements.

Mr. Campbell highlighted several options for managing the existing Wi-Fi service. One option includes partnering with the Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority in an existing contract, which they are already using to manage the Wi-Fi service on the Capitol Corridor service in northern California. Mr. Campbell also mentioned other partner agencies (Coaster and Metrolink) are looking at Wi-Fi solutions and LOSSAN staff have been coordinating with them as one option for a longer-term solution for managing onboard Wi-Fi. LOSSAN continues to explore the feasibility of Wi-Fi equipment you have rather than relying on the cellular towers that are out there that can transmit data. When there is a recommendation, we will come back to the Board of Directors and move forward.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the Wi-Fi and the Committee asked clarifying questions on the plan after September 2020. There was no further discussion.

8. 2020 Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Legislative Program

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) introduced Dustin Sifford (LOSSAN) to briefly share the changes proposed for the 2020 Legislative Program.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency Legislative Program. There was no further discussion.

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

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) mentioned that it's now the third or fourth week of the new 13th roundtrip. It has been relatively successful and that the trains so far have been averaging around a hundred and fifty passengers.

There was no further discussion.

10. Technical Advisory Committee Members' Report

Mr. Veeh (SANDAG) mentioned that one of their capital projects is the new pedestrian under crossing at the Poinsettia station. The new crossing opened in October.

Mr. Damon Blythe (NCTD) mentioned that NCTD just purchased a new software from a company named Swiftly that will help take your GTFS speed and adjust it, and give you real -time updates on arrival times and individual bus stops instead of time points and push the information onto transit apples like Google Maps and can also give you future predictions, such as arrivals.

Mr. Jay Fuhrman (LA Metro) updated on the progress of the Van Nuys station project, which will open in two or three weeks. Also, with the October schedule, two additional roundtrips were extended from Fullerton to LA for Metrolink will be introduced. The ridership went from 20 to 80-100 overnight. One additional peak roundtrip was added from Riverside to LA as well. A late-night train might be added on the 91 line, possibly in April 2020.

Ms. Heather Miller (VCTC) mentioned there's a couple grade separation and right-of-way projects currently in design and expected to go into construction by 2022. There is also a pedestrian undercrossing at the Camarillo Station but still in discussion.

11. Closed Session

There was no Closed Session scheduled.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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

Monday, February 3, 2020

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