



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

MARCH 5, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on March 5, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Henry Huntington Room, 3rd Floor.

Committee members in attendance:

In Person:

Heather Miller, VCTC
Jay Fuhrman, LA Metro
Megan LeMaster, OCTA
Danny Veeh, SANDAG
Rory Vaughn, SCRRA
Jerry Romana, High-Speed Rail

Via Teleconference:

Scott Spaulding, SBCAG
Damon Blythe, NCTD

Guests and Staff in attendance:

In Person:

James Campbell, LOSSAN
Rosa Guillen-Sanchez, LOSSAN

Welcome and Introductions

The March 5, 2020, 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

The Committee approved the February 2020 meeting minutes.

REGULAR CALENDAR

There were no Regular Calendar matters.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Capital Program Funding

Mr. James Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a summary on the evolving Capital Program of projects that the LOSSAN Agency is leading, which included updates to on-going infrastructure projects and facility expansions, where the funding is coming from to proceed with the design and construction of several of these projects and which projects still require funding in order to move forward.

Mr. Jay Fuhrman, LA Metro, asked about the fiscal years that State Rail Assistance funding currently covers. Mr. Campbell confirmed its for fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020. A brief discussion ensued regarding the funding for projects and the process for moving individual projects forward. There was no further discussion.

4. Agreement for Design and Construction and Interim San Luis Obispo Layover Facility

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided information on the need to store one additional trainset in San Luis Obispo to support implementing an additional roundtrip. Mr. Campbell stated that Union Pacific would be designing and constructing the expansion of the facility with Amtrak providing the design review. Staff are planning to take an amendment to the Board of Directors (Board) to authorize the managing director to execute the required preliminary engineering (PE) agreement with Union Pacific to design this project and other the individual capital improvements necessary for two additional round trips north of Los Angeles.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the construction for the interim facility. There was no further discussion.

5. Capital Project Update

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a detailed overview and update on the San Diego County Layover and Maintenance Facility study, the Goleta Layover Facility Expansion and the Central Coast Layover Facility Expansion projects. For the San Diego County Layover and Maintenance Facility study, preliminary recommendations were presented to the study Project Development Team on possible site locations earlier in the week. Consultant will incorporate the comments received and prepare a final report on the study.

For the Goleta Layover Facility Expansion, Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) that Amtrak has selected a designer for the project and is currently working with the LOSSAN Agency and Union Pacific to access the proposed property to perform initial surveys and begin the design process.

The Central Coast Layover Facility Expansion project is currently on hold while staff work with Union Pacific and get their input into the draft site selection study and recommendation. A design charrette with the local stakeholders will then be scheduled once Union Pacific input has been received.

A brief discussion ensued regarding more information on planned facility expansions. There were no further discussions.

6. Upcoming Agenda Items

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided an overview of the agenda items for the March 16, 2020 Board of Directors' meeting.

A brief discussion ensued for clarifying questions.

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

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a brief update on the Grover Beach station that is adding an additional parking and a new bus facility.

In addition, a position has posted for a State and Federal Programs Manager.

Also, there are no significant changes on the Surfliner for April, but a mid-cycle change in July is being planned. There will also be a third roundtrip to San Luis Obispo, possibly by the October schedule change.

8. Technical Advisory Committee Member's Report

Mr. Danny Veeh, SANDAG, mentioned the San Diego river bridge is now open and both tracks are now in service. Mr. Veeh also mentioned California Passenger Rail Summit that will take place April 21-22, near Petco park.

Ms. Megan LeMaster, OCTA, mentioned Angels Express will begin in April, with a special Metrolink service to and from Anaheim Stadium at ARTIC. Also, adding a weekday evening roundtrip, from Oceanside to LA.

Mr. Fuhrman, LA Metro mentioned additional services from Ventura, from April to October, as well as cutting service, from LA to Burbank trains, which estimated three people per train.

Mr. Vaughn, SCRRA mentioned additional midday service was planned to start in April on the 91- Perris Valley Line.

Mr. Romana, High-Speed Rail Authority, gave an update on environmental process for the Palmdale-Burbank and mentioned open houses scheduled for the following week for the Burbank-Los Angeles.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

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

Thursday, May 7, 2020
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.