



MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting

Call to Order

The June 15, 2020, Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Los Angeles - San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) was called to order by Chairman Murray at 11:17 a.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Board Room – Conference Room 07-08, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Chairman Murray announced that several of the Board of Directors (Board) would participate in today's meeting via teleconferencing, and all votes would be taken by roll call.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Al Murray, Chairman
Dana Reed, Vice Chairman (teleconference)
Jewel Edson, NCTD (teleconference)
John Fasana, Metro (teleconference)
Caylin Frank, SDMTS (teleconference)
Gregg Hart, SBCAG (teleconference)
Ellie Haviland, SANDAG (teleconference)
Bryan MacDonald, Immediate Past Chairman, VCTC (teleconference)
Tim Shaw, OCTA
Fred Strong, SLOCOG (teleconference)
Jess Talamantes, Metro (teleconference)
Kyle Gradinger, Caltrans, Ex-Officio (teleconference)
Tamika Smith, Amtrak, Ex-Officio (teleconference)

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer L. Bergener, Immediate Past Managing Director
Donna DeMartino, Managing Director (teleconference)
Martha M. Ochoa, LOSSAN Clerk of the Board
Gina Ramirez, LOSSAN Deputy Clerk of the Board
James M. Donich, General Counsel (teleconference)

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Murray.

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 6)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Reed, seconded by Director Talamantes, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 11-0, to approve the minutes of the LOSSAN Agency Board of Directors meeting of May 18, 2020.

3. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Third Quarter Budget Status Report

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Reed, seconded by Director Talamantes, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 11-0, to receive and file as an information item.

4. The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Trends for the First Quarter of Federal Fiscal Year 2019-20

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Reed, seconded by Director Talamantes, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 11-0, to receive and file as an information item.

5. The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Trends for the Second Quarter of Federal Fiscal Year 2019-20

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Reed, seconded by Director Talamantes, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 11-0, to receive and file as an information item.

6. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement No. L-8-0013 for the Rail 2 Rail Program with the North County Transit District and National Railroad Passenger Corporation

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Reed, seconded by Director Talamantes, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 11-0, to:

- A. Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. L-8-0013 between the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency, the North County Transit District, and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to extend the term of the agreement for an additional two months, through September 30, 2020, and decrease the reimbursement rate to \$4.03 per boarding.
- B. Direct the Managing Director to continue to work with the North County Transit District and National Railroad Passenger Corporation to pursue the development of an alternate program for the Rail 2 Rail Program.

Regular Calendar

7. State Rail Assistance Program Funding and Pacific Surfliner Operations

Roger M. Lopez, Manager of Planning & Analysis, provided background and an overview for this item of the following:

- Update on cost saving measures and funding elements currently being pursued to ensure that services continue to run as planned for the next year and a half.
- Impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) on the state economy and on intercity passenger rail.
- Planning service levels and funding for operations over the next federal fiscal year (FFY).
- FFY assistance provided to Amtrak.
- LOSSAN Agency allocation of \$13.1 million in State Rail Assistance (SRA) program funding, with approximately \$7.2 million approved by the Board for use on specific capital projects, and referenced Attachment A of the staff report.
- State requested the suspension of some non-essential capital projects to make the SRA formula funds available for the ongoing operations of the Pacific Surfliner intercity rail service for FFY 2020-21.
- Special Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting scheduled for the month of July to discuss thruway bus services. Staff will present all the data, work through the issues with each of the routes, and come back before the TAC and the Board before making any changes to the routes.

7. (Continued)

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Amtrak designating any FFY assistance funding to the LOSSAN Agency.
- Vital safety improvements on the capital side.
- SRA funding for non-safety critical improvement projects such as lighting projects which would improve overall safety for passengers.
- Timing of projects, and balancing funding for operating vs. capital projects.
- Maintaining service levels less than 60 percent per the states' request.

A motion was made by Chairman Murray, seconded by Director Strong, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 11-0, to:

- A. Approve the use of \$11,536,500 in State Rail Assistance formula funds for the costs of ongoing operations of the Pacific Surfliner intercity rail service for federal fiscal year 2020-21.
- B. Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements to facilitate the utilization of State Rail Assistance funding as described herein.

Discussion Items

8. COVID-19 Update – The Future

Donna DeMartino, Managing Director (MD), provided opening comments and introduced Jason Jewel, Finance and Administration Manager, and Roger M. Lopez, Manager of Planning and Analysis, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- State Budget Outlook;
- Amtrak Operating Costs;
- Amtrak Operating Costs Continued;
- Federal Funding Fiscal Year 2020;
- Federal Funding Fiscal Year 2021 and Beyond;
- Federal Funding Fiscal Year 2021 and Beyond Continued; and
- Summary.

8. (Continued)

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America) Act.
- Discussion at the state level regarding what projects might be potential candidates for future grant program funding.
- Increase in ridership, averaging nearly 1,000 a day, with the first 10 days in June exceeding the entire ridership for the month of April.
- Continue to monitor ridership on a daily and provide the Board weekly updates.

9. **Update on Capital Projects along the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor in San Diego County**

Donna DeMartino, MD, provided opening comments and introduced Linda Culp, Principal from San Diego Associations of Governments (SANDAG), who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- LOSSAN: San Diego Subdivision;
- Service-based Planning;
- LOSSAN Program Summary;
- LOSSAN Double Track Progress;
- Construction Project Status;
- Poinsettia Station Improvements;
- Elvira to Morena Double Track;
- San Diego River Bridge and Double Track;
- Del Mar Bluffs (DMB) Stabilization;
- Del Mar Bluffs Emergency Project Location of washouts Repair;
- DMB Emergency Project Storm damage west of 14th Street;
- Del Mar Bluffs Emergency Repairs;
- Del Mar Bluffs Stabilization 4 Urgent Repairs;
- Stabilize Headwall MP 244.3;
- Storm Chute below 12th Street;
- Long Term Planning – Del Mar Tunnel Alignment Alternatives;
- Funding Efforts;
- Projects Funded for Construction;
- El Portal Undercrossing – City of Encinitas;
- El Portal Undercrossing Concept Rendering;
- Projects in Design and Permitting;
- San Onofre Pulgas Double Track 2;
- Eastbrook to Shell on San Luis Rey River;
- Carlsbad Village Trench Alternatives;

9. (Continued)

- Batiquitos Lagoon Double Track;
- San Dieguito Double Track and Special Events Platform Project;
- Sorrento Miramar Phase 2; and
- LOSSAN Coastal Rail Corridor.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- SANDAG is enhancing transportation, as well as providing necessary jobs and helping the economy.
- Stabilization efforts, corridor alignments, tunnel segments, and property acquisition.
- The Board thanked Ms. Culp for her very comprehensive and detailed presentation.

10. Pacific Surfliner On-Time Performance Analysis Second Quarter - Federal Fiscal Year 2019-20

Roger M. Lopez, Manager, Planning and Analysis, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- Monthly Average Endpoint On-Time Performance (OTP) – Systemwide;
- FFY20 Q2 Average Endpoint OTP by Train;
- Delays by Responsible Party FFY19 Q2 v. FFY20 Q2;
- Delays by Category & Responsible Party FFY19 Q2 v. FFY20 Q2;
- Host Responsible Delays;
- Initial Terminal Performance (ITP) FFY20 Q2;
- Total Delay Distribution – By Location;
- Conclusions – FFY20 Q2; and
- Questions.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Understanding how the early arrival affects the OTP stats.
- Delays due to construction projects, commuter train interference, and COASTER train.
- Possible delay improvements following the completion of the San Diego River Double Track project.

11. Upcoming Board Workshop and Presentations on Capital Projects

Donna DeMartino, (MD), provided opening comments and introduced James Campbell, Manager of Programs, who provided an overview of the item as follows:

- Upcoming Board Workshop in the month of September focused on LOSSAN Agency projects, prioritization, and funding sources.
- Referenced the map included in the Board agenda packet, and provided a brief summary of the various capital projects the LOSSAN Agency is either leading or providing funding.

12. Managing Director's Report

Ms. DeMartino, MD, provided comments as follows:

- The Pacific Surfliner "Hug the Coast" video campaign earned a Silver Telly Award in Social Video – Travel & Tourism category. Congratulated the LOSSAN Agency's marketing team, LOSSAN Agency's video marketing partners Gold Production.
- LOSSAN Agency staff is reaching out to TAC representatives from all the member agencies and began scheduling meetings to discuss specific local projects, needs, and issues.
- Thanked the Board and stated staff is looking forward to their input as they work on the many capital projects that are designed to increase safety and capacity along the LOSSAN Agency rail corridor.

Alternate White thanked the marketing team for the video for Ventura. He stated that he also sits on the Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau, and the video really has taken off in the community.

13. Board Members' Report

- Vice Chairman Reed stated it was an exceptional meeting and thanked all of the presenters for their diligence, and enormous amount of important information.
- Past Chairman MacDonald echoed Vice Chairman Reed's comments and thanked staff for their excellent job coordinating the teleconference meeting, and providing excellent information.
- Director Strong stated it was a great meeting, very meaty with a lot of information, and appreciated all the efforts of staff.
- Director Hart agreed with all of his colleagues, very informative meeting and appreciated Ms. Culp's presentation, the detail that she worked through, and a great model for the rest of the corridor.
- Director Talamantes echoed his colleague's comments and thanked Ms. DeMartino and LOSSAN Agency staff for putting together a great presentation, with a lot of food for thought, and good information.

13. (Continued)

- Director Fasana appreciated the report on what's happening on the southern end of our corridor in San Diego County, and looks forward to the workshop.
- Director Gradinger stated the California Department of Transportation has been working very closely with LOSSAN Agency's staff. He thanked Mr. Jewel, Finance and Administration Manager, Mr. Lopez, Manager, Planning and Analysis, Ms. DeMartino, Managing Director, and Mr. Campbell, Manager of Programs, for all the great work they have been doing. He stated staff has been very busy in the last few months interpreting the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, the state and federal budgets, and the program going forward.
- Director Smith echoed the comments of the rest of the Directors, stated it was a great meeting and reassured the Board and LOSSAN Agency staff that Amtrak is committed to working with Jason and Donna and the team to identify cost saving measures as to navigate through the difficult times.
- Chairman Murray echoed the comments from his colleagues and thanked everyone for their support of LOSSAN Agency and staff. He added these are very challenging times and thanked everyone for their participation.

14. Closed Session

There was no Closed Session scheduled.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held:

Monday, September 21, 2020

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters

Board Room - Conference Room 07-08

550 South Main Street

Orange, California

ATTEST:

Martha M. Ochoa
LOSSAN Agency
Clerk of the Board

Al Murray
LOSSAN Agency Chairman