

Committee Members Present

Al Murray, Chairman

Via Teleconference

Dana Reed, Vice Chairman

Brian MacDonald, Immediate Past Chairman

Committee Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Martha Ochoa, LOSSAN Clerk of the Board

Gina Ramirez, LOSSAN Deputy Clerk of the Board

Via Teleconference

Jennifer L. Bergener, Immediate Past Managing Director

Donna DeMartino, Managing Director

James Donich, General Counsel

Call to Order

The June 4, 2020, Los Angeles - San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Murray at 9:00 a.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Roll Call

The Deputy Clerk of the Board conducted an attendance Roll Call and announced that there was a quorum of the Executive Committee.

1. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Item 2)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Reed and seconded by Immediate Past Chairman MacDonald, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 3-0, to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2020, LOSSAN Executive Committee meeting.

Regular Calendar

There were no Regular Calendar items scheduled.

Discussion Items

3. Upcoming Board Workshop and Presentations on Capital Projects

Donna DeMartino, Managing Director (MD), provided opening comments and introduced James Campbell, Manager of Programs.

Ms. DeMartino discussed the upcoming Board Member workshop in July 2020, which will focus on LOSSAN projects, prioritization, and funding sources.

Mr. Campbell referenced the Supplemental Information map and summarized the various capital projects the LOSSAN Agency is leading or providing funding.

Chairman Murray expressed his concerns about maximizing attendance at the workshop. He requested staff delay the workshop until September or October until the Orange County Transportation Authority building reopened.

Vice Chairman Reed requested when scheduling the workshop that it is held right after a Board meeting.

4. Managing Directors' Report

Donna DeMartino, MD, provided opening comments and introduced Jason Jewell, Finance and Administration Manager, and Roger M. Lopez, Manager of Planning and Analysis, to give some up to date information about what staff has been planning for the future after the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Jason Jewell, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief update on the following:

- State may revise budget overview.
- Reviewed the inter-city rail program for the California Joint Powers Authority (JPA).
- Expects a response to LOSSAN's administrative and marketing budgets by the end of the month.

4. (Continued)

- Staff is currently researching Amtrak police costs and the possibility of the California Highway Patrol providing services as an alternative.
- Staff continues to analyze the cost allocations and reflect on what is happening on the LOSSAN route.
- Amtrak has received Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for the current fiscal year and will help relieve the state payments through the end of their fiscal year, September of 2020. This legislation caps the LOSSAN payments to 80 percent. Amtrak submitted an official request for fiscal year 21 funding relief, and it would kick in and cover the amount of difference between revenues and expenses.

Mr. Lopez reporting on the following:

- Cost-saving and funding elements that staff is pursuing to ensure that the LOSSAN service continues to run as planned over the next year and a half.
- Thruway bus service has become an area that all three of the JPA's are watching closely. The thruway bus service's overall ridership has gone down approximately 30 percent over the last three years. Even before COVID-19, expenses are nearly doubling throughout that same period.
- Several capital projects have experienced delays in implementation due to some issues that LOSSAN had with the original estimates that Amtrak engineering provided. They have revised those estimates and doubled the cost of the projects, and added the COVID pandemic. Amtrak also informed us all capital projects not currently active in the process had been put on hold until at least the next federal fiscal year.
- Any safety-sensitive projects necessary for the Pacific Surfliner's ongoing operation will have their funding maintained. This funding would be allocated to functions specific to projects approved by the state.

5. Committee Members' Reports

Immediate Past Chairman MacDonald thanked Ms. DeMartino and staff for their efforts.

Vice Chairman Reed echoed Immediate Past Chairman MacDonald's sentiment regarding Ms. DeMartino and the staff.

Chairman Murray thanked the staff for all their hard work. He also discussed the great video that the public relations team put together, which can be seen on the Board of Directors last weekly report.

6. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

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

Thursday, November 5, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters

Conference Room 07

550 South Main Street

Orange, California

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Gina Ramirez
LOSSAN Agency
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Al Murray
LOSSAN Agency Chairman