



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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on September 3, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. via TEAMS conference call.

Committee members in attendance:

Via Teleconference:

Brent Boyd, MTS
Danny Veeh, SANDAG
Linda Culp, SANDAG
Michael Johnson, NCTD
Sheldon Peterson, RCTC
Megan LeMaster, OCTA
Alexis Murillo-Felix, OCTA
Jay Fuhrman, LA Metro
Jeanette Owens, LA Metro
Claire Grasty, VCTC
Martin Erickson, VCTC
Jerry Romana, HSR
Tamara Noel, BNSF
Victor Stone, UPRR
Anna Devers, SLOCOG
Scott Spaulding, SBCAG

Welcome and Introductions

The September 3, 2020, LOSSAN Agency TAC meeting was called to order by Mr. James Campbell, LOSSAN Program Manager, who welcomed the LOSSAN TAC to the TEAMS conference call. Mr. Campbell asked the participants over the teleconference line for introductions.

1. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the September 2020 meeting minutes.

REGULAR CALENDAR

3. **Proposed 2021 Board of Directors and Committee Meetings Schedule**

Mr. James Campbell (LOSSAN) provided an overview on the proposed draft 2021 meetings calendar.

The Committee approved the recommendation to submit the proposed 2021 Board of Directors and Committee meeting schedule to the Board of Directors for review and approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **Fiscal Year 2020 21 Annual Business Plan Update**

Mr. Roger Lopez (LOSSAN) provided an overview on the business plan update. He gave an update on the Chapter 11 administrative/marketing and operations element. CALSTA approved the administrative/marketing component for 5.9 million, down from the original 6.8 million. Regarding the Operating budget, CALSTA has directed all the Intercity passenger rail services in California to operate no more than 60 percent of their originally approved fiscal year 2019-20 train miles and is requesting additional cost savings to reduce the funding needed to operate the services. LOSSAN staff has been working with Amtrak on the federal fiscal year 2020-21 operating budget. Amtrak is refining the operating cost forecast and will be providing an update later this month.

Staff has also been working on additional cost-saving measures, which includes stations, crew labor, and maintenance costs to reduce the operating costs as much as possible. Mr. Lopez confirmed that staff will bring a revised fiscal year 2020-21 operating budget and a revised business plan chapter 11 to the Board in November.

A brief discussion ensued regarding a revised schedule. Mr. Lopez confirmed that once Amtrak provides the revised estimates, staff will review again and establish a revised budget to be brought to the Board in November. There was no further discussion.

5. **Update on Capital Programs and Projects along the Los Angeles San Diego San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor between Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo**

Mr. Scott McConnell, Ms. Jeanette Owens, Mr. Will Ridder, and Mr. Jay Fuhrman (LA Metro) gave a brief update presentation on their on-going capital projects. The presentation gave an overview on the modernization of Union Station, the Link US Project overview and funding plan, the proposed project of the BNSF Malabar Yard, the concept of the future high-speed rail, the Rail Multiple Unit Pilot Program, and the Metrolink AVL 30-minute service vision.

Mr. Chris Haskell and Mr. Roderick Diaz (Metrolink) also gave a brief update presentation on their on-going capital projects. The presentation gave a brief overview of the SCORE program, which includes signal improvements, and station and speed improvements.

Mr. Victor Stone and Ms. Rhonda Gibson (Union Pacific) gave a Union Pacific-LOSSAN update on the performance and work ongoing along the Santa Barbara subdivision. The presentation included current Amtrak train performance, the status of projects associated with the 2020 agreement to add two roundtrips between Moorpark and Santa Barbara, one continuing to San Luis Obispo, as well as infrastructure renewal, corridor improvements, and operation and maintenance. The presentation also included bridge updates, infrastructure, and safety improvements.

There was no further discussion.

6. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Optimization Study Update and Preliminary Recommendations

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) introduced Mr. Hamish Pollock-Fraser from DB Engineering and Consulting. Mr. Fraser gave a brief overview of the optimization study update and preliminary recommendations. The presentation included prioritizing key projects to support service growth and proposed recommendations to help transform passenger rail in Southern California using long-term, mid-term, and near-term planning phases.

A brief discussion ensued on a few questioned slides from the presentation, including a confirmation that the final workshop is for the operators. There was no further discussion.

7. Upcoming Agenda Items

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) provided a brief overview of the agenda items for the September 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

A brief explanation on the Rail 2 Rail items was requested. No further discussion.

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

Mr. Campbell (LOSSAN) mentioned there is a small and convenient procurement out to prepare and perform an update to the San Diego County Layover and Maintenance facilities study. There is no need for a Board action.

Mr. Roger Lopez (LOSSAN) gave an update on the ridership, which included a 4 ½ percent growth in the last six weeks.

9. Technical Advisory Committee Members' Report

Mr. Jay Fuhrman, LA Metro, mentioned that Metro will be adding back another roundtrip service on the Ventura Line beginning on September 8th.

Mr. Michael Johnson, NCTD, mentioned they received their first two Charger locomotives.

Mr. Danny Veeh, SANDAG, shared their regional vision presentation that was shared with their Board of Directors on August 14th.

Mr. Jerry Romana (HSR), shared the Authority closed the draft EIR/EIS public review period on Burbank to LA section and for LA to Anaheim section, a revised NOI / NOP was issued on August 25th with a scoping period to extend through September 24th.

10. Adjournment

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

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Location: TBD

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.