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LOSSAN Agency Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order

The September 15, 2025, meeting of the Board of Directors of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency was called to order by Chair Jung at 10:30 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 S. Main St., Orange.

Roll Call

The Clerk of the Board conducted an attendance roll call and announced a quorum present as follows:

Directors Present: Fred Jung, OCTA, Chair
Fred Strong, SLOCOG, Vice Chair
Jim White, VCTC
Jeanne Cantu, Amtrak, Ex-Officio
John Gabbard, SCAG, Ex-Officio
Kyle Gradinger, Caltrans, Ex-Officio

Via Teleconference: Jewel Edson, NCTD
Joy Lyndes, SANDAG
Jennifer Mendoza, SDMTS
Marisa Perez, Metro, Alternate
Paula Perotte, SBCAG
Dana Reed, RCTC

Directors Absent: Fernando Dutra, Metro
Katrina Foley, OCTA
Jess Talamantes, Metro
LaDonna DiCamillo, CHSRA, Ex-Officio

Staff Present: Jason Jewell, Managing Director
Sara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board Specialist
James Donich, General Counsel
LOSSAN Staff

Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 4)

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Reed, seconded by Vice Chair Strong, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025 LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors' meeting.

Director Mendoza was not present to vote on this item.



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2. Consultant Selection for the Pacific Surfliner Public Relations Services Agreement

A motion was made by Director Reed, seconded by Vice Chair Strong, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of The Abbi Agency as the firm to provide public relations services for the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency.
- B. Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Agreement No. L-5-0001 between the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and the Abbi Agency, in the amount of \$60,000, to provide public relations for a one-year initial term with two, two-year option terms.

Director Mendoza was not present to vote on this item.

3. Amendment to Agreement for Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for Phase 1 of the Central Coast Layover Facility Project

A motion was made by Director Reed, seconded by Vice Chair Strong, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. L-2-0004 between the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$260,200, for additional support in the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for Phase 1 of the Central Coast Layover Facility project. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$3,499,168.

Director Mendoza was not present to vote on this item.

4. Amendment to Federal Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating Agreement with Amtrak for the Pacific Surfliner Intercity Passenger Rail Service

A motion was made by Director Reed, seconded by Vice Chair Strong, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute an Amendment No. 1 to Agreement L-4-0021 between the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and Amtrak for \$3,917,822.

Director Mendoza was not present to vote on this item.



Regular Calendar

5. Continuation of the Interagency Transfer Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for Administration of the Pacific Surfliner Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Jason Jewell, Managing Director, provided a report on this item.

A motion was made by Director Lyndes, seconded by Vice Chair Strong, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 9-0, to authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute the second option term of the Interagency Transfer Agreement between the California Department of Transportation Division of Rail and Mass Transportation and the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency to allow continued local administrative oversight and management for the state-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service for a four-year term beginning October 1, 2025.

6. Federal Railroad Administration Restoration and Enhancement Grant Agreement

Jason Jewell, Managing Director, provided a report on this item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Strong, seconded by Director White, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 9-0, to authorize the Managing Director to execute a grant agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration for the Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program in the amount of \$27,120,364, to restore three daily roundtrips between Los Angeles and San Diego for a six-year term.

7. Federal Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for the Pacific Surfliner Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Jason Jewell, Managing Director, provided a report on this item.

A motion was made by Director Edson, seconded by Vice Chair Strong, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 9-0, to authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to provide for the continued operation of the Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service for a term of one year, in an amount not-to-exceed \$59,559,400, for federal fiscal year 2025-26.



Discussion Items

8. Pacific Surfliner Marketing Update

Chris Orlando, Deputy Managing Director, provided a report on this item.

No action was taken on this item.

9. Temporary Additional Santa Barbara Service Update

Jason Jewell, Managing Director, provided a report on this item.

No action was taken on this item.

10. California Department of Transportation FLIRT H2 Deployment Strategy

Jason Jewell, Managing Director, provided opening comments and introduced Director Grading, who provided a presentation.

In-person public comment was heard from Brian Yanity.

The following written public comments were received and sent to the Board at 3:25 p.m on September 14, 2025 and 8:50 a.m. on September 15, 2025:

Mark Baysinger
Bridge Underwood
John Brock
Eric Thompson
Tom Colthurst
Jeffrey Beeman
Andrew Graves
Donald Bing
Connor Webb
Brian Yanity

No action was taken on this item.

11. Public Comments

In-person public comment was heard from Brian Yanity.

12. Managing Director's Report

Jason Jewell, Managing Director, reported on ridership and Rail Safety month in September.



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13. Board Members' Report

Director Lyndes noted appreciation for reaching pre-pandemic service levels, SANDAG has an absolute work window on September 20 and 21, and work is advancing on the realignment project in Del Mar.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held:

12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025

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1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA