



# Coachella Valley Rail Coordination

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## Coachella Valley Rail (CV Rail) Coordination Efforts

- Riverside County Transportation Commission(RCTC) submits formal request to LOSSAN to support expanded CV Rail efforts
- Participate in CV Rail Task Force Meetings
- Develop strategic approach and considerations for LOSSAN to incorporate CV Rail under its Management and Administrative Oversight
- Engaged consultant to develop due diligence study to identify considerations and next steps

# Coachella Valley Rail Overview

- CV Rail Corridor would total 144 miles between Los Angeles and City of Coachella
- Service expansion from two daily roundtrips under current planning to update to five daily roundtrips contingent on Union Pacific Approval
- Federal Railroad approval of Service Development plan and Tier 1 Program Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/R)
- Preliminary engineering along eastern section of the corridor to the 30% level
- Project level environmental clearance for up to 6 stations, a new 3rd main track, and associated grade crossing and signal improvements on the eastern section of the corridor.
- Tier 2 EIS/R efforts moving forward
- CV Rail Accepted into the Federal Corridor Identification Development Program

# Potential Opportunities Identified

- Greater coordination and integration of rail services between Pacific Surfliner and future CV Rail service
- Ability to influence future decisions regarding fleet, facilities, schedules, and service planning that may affect Pacific Surfliner operations
- Potential to identify projects and investments that provide benefits across both corridors
- Increased leverage for state and federal funding
- Ability to help safeguard Pacific Surfliner interests as future CV Rail decisions are made

# Due Diligence Study Key Findings

- LOSSAN possesses the experience and expertise necessary to potentially manage a second corridor
- LOSSAN's current staffing structure is lean and has current limited capacity to absorb significant new responsibilities
- Any future role would require additional staffing and resources
- A phased approach tied to project development milestones would be necessary
- Dedicated funding and reimbursement mechanisms should be established to support LOSSAN participation
- Key governance, organizational, and institutional questions remain unresolved

# Potential Next Steps for Further Evaluation

- Review governance documents, agreements, and organizational structure to identify potential impacts and considerations
- Evaluate potential frameworks for LOSSAN participation, including roles, responsibilities, resource needs, and reimbursement mechanisms
- Explore options for formal coordination with RCTC, including potential memoranda of understanding (MOU) or cooperative agreement
- Identify decision points, milestones, and timelines to support future Board discussions and provide clear on/off ramps
- Return to the LOSSAN Board with updates, findings, and recommendations as appropriate