

July 20, 2026

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jason Jewell, Managing Director 

Subject: Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for Preliminary Engineering Services for the Leesdale Siding Extension Project

Overview

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency proposes to amend an existing reimbursement agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad for additional engineering support to include review of design documents and related signal and communication designs for the Leesdale Siding Extension project.

Recommendation

Authorize the Managing Director to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Reimbursement Agreement No. L-3-0009 between the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and Union Pacific Railroad, in the amount of \$450,000, for additional plan review and signal and communication designs for the Leesdale Siding Extension project.

Discussion

On May 15, 2023, the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) Board of Directors (Board) approved an agreement with Zephyr Rail to perform final design for the Leesdale Siding Extension project (Project) in Ventura County.

The Project will upgrade and extend the existing 3,300-foot siding, allowing for the expansion of service and resulting in reduced travel time and increased reliability. The Project will also enhance vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety at two at-grade rail crossings that will be upgraded due to the additional track at each grade crossing.

The LOSSAN Agency executed a reimbursement agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad, effective September 6, 2023, for engineering support under the Managing

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Director's authority. On February 20, 2024, Amendment No. 1 was executed to extend the engineering support scope.

To finalize design efforts for the Project, additional engineering support is required from the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to review and approve final plans and to advance signal designs for the Project. Due to safety considerations related to railroad signal and communication systems, UPRR is responsible for the design and construction of any new or modified signal and communication system implemented along UPRR-owned right-of-way (ROW).

The executed reimbursement agreement and its amendments are based on a standard template for preliminary engineering services, as required by UPRR. This agreement allows UPRR to provide engineering support to public projects. Staff are recommending amending the agreement to further allow UPRR to advance and complete the necessary signal and communication designs for interfaces to UPRR-owned ROW. The agreement covers field diagnostics, meetings, and inspections for the Project. It also includes a review of plans and specifications, development of designs, and the preparation of cost estimates and designs for all signal and communication elements.

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this agreement for this fiscal year (FY) is provided through programmed State Rail Assistance funds. The estimated cost to be expended in FY 2026-27 is approximately \$450,000 and is included in the LOSSAN Agency Board-approved budget. Future expenditures will be included in the annual budget presented to the LOSSAN Agency Board for consideration and approval.

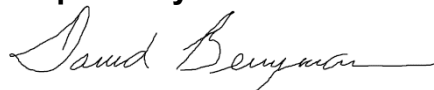
Summary

Staff requests Board of Directors' approval to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Reimbursement Agreement No. L-3-0009 with the Union Pacific Railroad to allow for continued engineering support for the Leesdale Siding Extension Project.

Attachment

A. Union Pacific Railroad., Agreement No. L-3-0009 Fact Sheet

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