



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JUNE 4, 2026, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) MEETING MINUTES

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) TAC met on June 4, 2026, at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Henry Huntington Room.

Committee Members in attendance:

Lance Okuno, SLOCOG
Aaron Bonfilio, SBCAG
Aubrey Smith, VCTC
Jay Fuhrman, Metro
Megan Taylor, OCTA
Andy Meger, OCTA
Sheldon Peterson, RCTC
Tina McDermott, NCTD
Danny Veeh, SANDAG
Anna Devers, SANDAG
Christopher Duddy, SDMTS

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Kristopher Ryan, LOSSAN Chief Financial Officer, opened the June 4, 2026, LOSSAN Agency TAC meeting and welcomed the TAC members to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Henry Huntington Room.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. **Approval of Minutes**
3. **Fiscal Year 2025 26 Third Quarter Amtrak Pacific Surfliner System Safety and Incident Report**
4. **Fiscal Year 2025 26 Third Quarter Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Trends**
5. **Fiscal Year 2025 26 Third Quarter Amtrak Pacific Surfliner On-Time Performance Analysis**

Mr. Danny Veeh (SANDAG) commented that it would be helpful for future TAC meetings to include presentations on the quarterly reports that were included in the consent calendar, as TAC had historically discussed those reports in more detail. Motion by Mr. Danny Veeh (SANDAG), Second by Mr. Jay Fuhrman (Metro). The Committee approved the Consent items via roll call vote.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

6. Upcoming Draft Board Agenda items

Mr. Ryan provided a brief overview of the agenda items for the June 15, 2026, LOSSAN Agency Board of Directors' meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the process for the managing agency agreement, including comments regarding transparency, Board involvement, and opportunities for additional review by TAC and Board members prior to future renewals or extensions.

Mr. Ryan also provided an update regarding SB 1098 and SB 1324. He explained that CalSTA continues to finalize the initial SB 1098 report and that SB 1324 extends the reporting deadline to February 1, 2027. Mr. Ryan noted that once finalized, the report will be presented to the LOSSAN Board, NCTD Board, and Metrolink Board for review prior to transmittal to the Legislature.

There was no further discussion.

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

Mr. Ryan provided updates regarding preparations for the upcoming FIFA World Cup period. He noted that from June 11 through July 19, all Pacific Surfliner trains will operate as reserved trains and passengers will be required to have reservations for a specific train and travel date.

Mr. Ryan explained that monthly and 10-ride passholders will also be required to reserve trips through Amtrak's RideReserve system. He also noted that Rail 2 Rail and codeshare programs will be suspended on game days and fan fest days.

Additional updates included:

- Additional late-night service from Los Angeles Union Station to Santa Barbara on select game days
- Delayed departure of Train 794 to accommodate passengers traveling from SoFi Stadium
- Passenger outreach efforts including station signage, onboard announcements, social media, website updates, and digital communications regarding service changes and reservation requirements

Mr. Ryan also provided ridership updates, noting that May ridership totaled approximately 246,000 boardings, representing approximately a 36 percent increase over May 2024 ridership levels. Memorial Day weekend ridership totaled approximately 46,000 passengers, including approximately 12,700 boardings on Memorial Day itself.

Questions ensued regarding ridership levels on the recently added expanded service to San Luis Obispo and comparisons to pre-pandemic ridership levels. Mr. Ryan noted that recent ridership levels have met or exceeded pre-pandemic ridership levels. A comment also ensued regarding ridership during the Strawberry Festival weekend despite the temporary service disruption. There was no further discussion.

8. Technical Advisory Committee Members' Report

LA Metro discussed the opening of the D Line Subway Extension along Wilshire Boulevard and noted that additional stations are expected to open prior to the 2028 Olympic Games. Metro also discussed preparations for the FIFA World Cup, including shuttle bus operations connecting Union Station and other locations throughout Los Angeles County to SoFi Stadium.

SBCAG announced an upcoming community workshop for the Ortega Siding project scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2026, in the Montecito/Summerland area.

RCTC discussed coordination efforts related to the Coachella Valley Rail project and requested a future TAC discussion prior to bringing the item to the Board.

SANDAG announced the issuance of a notice to proceed for a planning study related to the Old Town to Downtown San Diego rail corridor, including safety improvements and potential grade separations.

SLOCOG announced the execution of a contract to begin development of a conceptual service operations plan for a temporary Olympic pilot rail service in 2028 and noted that LOSSAN staff and partner agencies would be invited to participate in future coordination meetings.

9. Adjournment

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

Thursday, July 2, 2026
Orange County Transportation Authority
550 South Main Street
Conference Room 7
Orange, CA 92868
1:15pm