




September 4, 2025

To: Members of the Executive Committee

From: Jason Jewell, Managing Director 

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

Overview

The interagency transfer agreement between the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and the California Department of Transportation Division of Rail and Mass Transportation that enables the local administration and management of the state-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service expires on September 30, 2025. The agreement allows for two four-year options for renewal. Both the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and the California Department of Transportation Division of Rail and Mass Transportation seek to exercise the second option term.

Recommendation

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.

Background

Senate Bill (SB) 1225, signed into law in September 2012, authorized the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) to assume administrative oversight and management responsibility for the state-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service. On June 29, 2015, the LOSSAN Agency entered into the initial interagency transfer agreement (ITA) with the State of California (State) to formally transfer administrative and management responsibilities to the LOSSAN Agency. The initial ITA was amended on June 30, 2018, to allow the LOSSAN Agency to continue to administer

and manage the State-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service for a period of three years, with two four-year option terms. The first four-year option term was approved by the LOSSAN Agency Board of Directors on June 21, 2021, and executed with a term through September 30, 2025.

Discussion

Recognizing the significant benefits achieved through local administration and management of the State-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service, the State and the LOSSAN Agency desire to continue the respective roles identified in the ITA. Both the LOSSAN Agency and the State wish to exercise the second option term to allow for the LOSSAN Agency to continue administrative and management responsibilities of the Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service. The second option term will begin October 1, 2025, and go through September 30, 2029.

Summary

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency is providing effective and efficient management of the state-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service through the interagency transfer agreement. Both the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and the State of California Department of Transportation wish to continue the agreement. Staff are seeking approval from the Board of Directors to negotiate and execute the second option term of the interagency transfer agreement.

Attachment

None.