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Marketing Update for the First and Second Quarters of Fiscal Year 2024-25

LOSSAN Technical Advisory Committee Meeting | March 6, 2025

## Performance Summary

# PacificSurfliner.com

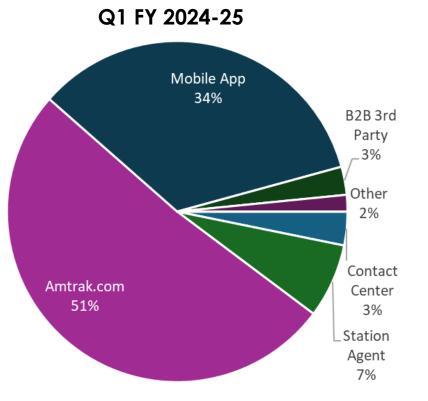
|                                | Users to<br>PacificSurfliner.com | Referral traffic to<br>Amtrak.com | Bookings on<br>Amtrak.com | Riders | Revenue      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------|
| <b>Q2 – FY 25</b><br>(Oct-Dec) | 420,000                          | 163,382                           | 16,044                    | 32,077 | \$1,069,841  |
| <b>Q1 – FY 25</b><br>(Jul-Sep) | 631,000                          | 274,402                           | 26,734                    | 61,186 | \$1,905,473  |
| <b>Q4 – FY 24</b><br>(Apr-Jun) | 612,000                          | 236,292                           | 21,547                    | 47,109 | \$1,512,473* |



\*Figure has been revised from previous quarterly update due to data reporting improvements from Amtrak implemented in September 2024.

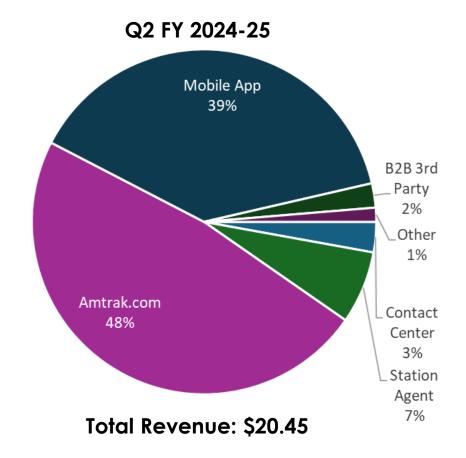
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# Revenue by Sales Channel



Total Revenue: \$20.82

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## Q1 FY2024-25 Highlights: Summer Events

- Enhanced
  Summer
  Schedule
- Del Mar Races
- San Diego
  Comic-Con
- X-Games



### MORE SUMMER, MORE TRAINS

Summer travel is fully heating up, so we're adding four new trains to the schedule beginning July 20 and continuing through Labor Day! These additional trains (two northbound and two southbound) will run on Saturdays and Sundays, providing easy transportation for all your weekend adventures this summer. All aboard!

### **RIDE THE SUMMER RAILS**

CATCH THE DEL MAR HORSE RACES 🏟



And... they're off! The Del Mar Races are in full swing every Thursday - Sunday until September 10. The club, where "the turf meets the surf," offers thrilling horse races, dining, and an absolutely electric atmosphere. Plus, ride the shuttle from Solana Beach Station (SOL) to the track for FREE with a valid Pacific Surfliner ticket!

RACE TO THIS DEAL

GET YOUR COMIC-CON TRAVEL



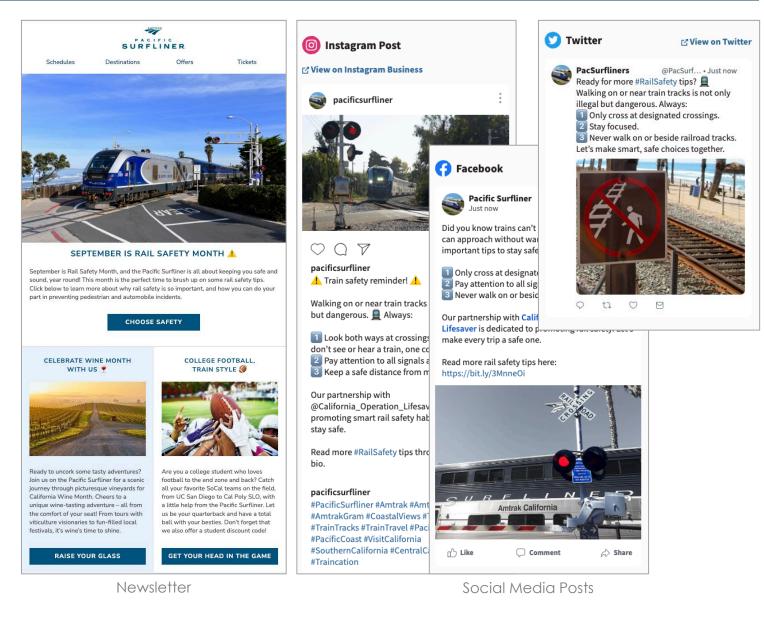
Calling all of our fellow nerds! San Diego Comic-Con is the ultimate gathering for pop culture enthusiasts of all kinds enjoy 4 full days of panels, exhibits, costumes, and so much more, with plenty of exclusive merch to check out and grab in between. Click below to level up your Comic-Con with some of our top travel tips.

LEVEL UP YOUR COMIC-CON

July Newsletter

## Q1 FY2024-25 Highlights: Rail Safety Month

- California Operation Lifesaver
  booth at Angels Stadium
- LAUS Rail Safety Month event
- Angels Radio rail safety spots
- Press release
- September newsletter
- Social posts

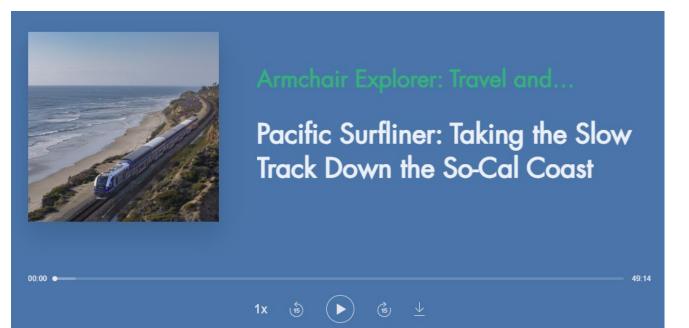


## Q1 FY2024-25 Highlights: Armchair Explorer Podcast

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PACIFIC SURFLINER: RIDING THE SO-CAL COAST

- Armchair Explorer Podcast custom episode and advertisements
  - Episode released on August 19, 2024
  - Over 5,200 downloads as of November 2024
  - <u>48-minute podcast</u>



## Q1 FY2024-25: Communications

### Passenger: •

- Comic-Con/Del Mar Racetrack schedule announcement
- Del Mar Phase 5 Project
- Rail Safety Month (September)

### Press Releases:

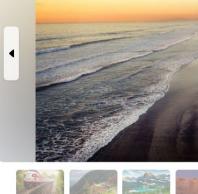
- Press releases issued 2
- Total pickup by media outlets 445
- Views and hits -30.154

### • In the Media:

- 706 mentions
- Publicity value of \$1.87 million

### 12 Unforgettable Train Trips You Can Take in America

Story by James Barrett • 22h





The Pacific Surfliner stretches along the California coast, collaboration with California Diego. You don't need to keep "California Dreamin'" whe nearly 350 miles, this journey offers passengers breathtal quaint coastal towns

Amtrak® Pacific Surfliner® Raises Awareness During Rail Safety Month in September

California Operation Lifesaver and the Los Angeles Angels join rail safety initiatives to prevent railroad incidents through outreach and education

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ORANGE, Calif., Aug. 29, 2024 -- The Los Angeles - San Diego -San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency, which manages the Amtrak® Pacific

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Surfliner® service, is proud to announce initiatives in Operation Lifesaver (CAOL), a

non-profit entity that works year-round to promote rail



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safety, and the Los Angeles Angels baseball team. Launching this September to coincide with Rail Safety Month, this multi-faceted strategy for enhanced rail safety education and awareness includes communications through streaming, television, digital radio, and focused geofencing.

### Q1 FY2024-25: Social Media





### Pacific Surfliner

Exciting news: The Amtrak Pacific Surfliner has added four trains to our schedule with two northbound and two southbound on Saturdays and Sundays.  $\underline{R}_{i}$ 

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We're excited to offer these extra options for our travelers during the busy summer travel season.  $\textcircled{\begin{tabular}{ll} \label{eq:constraint} \label{eq:constraint} \end{tabular}}$ 



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## Q1 FY2024-25: Social Media Metrics

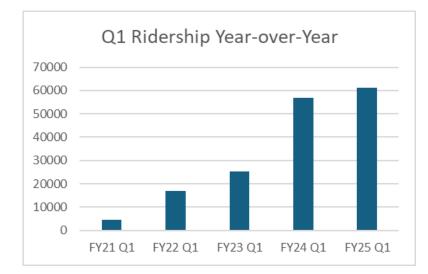
| Platform | Total Followers | New Followers | Engagement Rate* | Link Clicks |
|----------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| f        | 52,628          | 1,736         | 5.60%            | 155         |
| 0        | 22,887          | 1,915         | 12.16%           | N/A**       |
| X        | 17,878          | 219           | 5.69%            | 390         |
|          | 1,492           | 51            | 2.14%            | N/A**       |

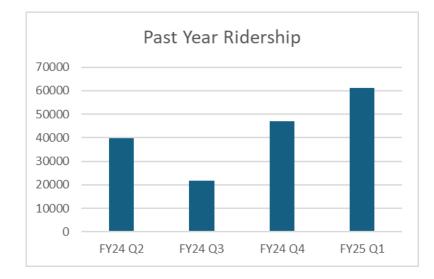
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### Q1 FY2024-25: Overall Performance (from online bookings)

| July to<br>September | Referral to<br>Amtrak.com | Bookings | Ridership<br>(from online<br>Bookings) | Revenue<br>(from online<br>Bookings) |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 2020-21 – Q1         | 26,468                    | 2,497    | 4,653                                  | 143,593                              |
| 2021-22 – Q1         | 98,157                    | 8,202    | 16,911                                 | 541,658                              |
| 2022-23 – Q1         | 111,378                   | 11,647   | 25,204                                 | 779,437                              |
| 2023-24 –Q1          | 273,964                   | 25,464   | 57,007                                 | 1,753,742                            |
| 2024-25 –Q1          | 274,402                   | 26,734   | 61,186                                 | \$1,905,473                          |





## Q2 2024-25 Highlights: LA Sparks Sponsorship

### • In-arena assets:

- LED ribbon boards
- <u>Video</u> produced by Sparks featured on jumbotron
- Social & digital assets:
- Social posts

- Ad in Sparks newsletter to game attendees
- Press release (July 9)

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| Estats<br>D  | ASSET                              | IMPRESSIONS                             | ENGAGEMENTS                        | EXPOSURES               |
|  | Ribbon B &<br>Lower Ring           | 41,491                                  | 444                                | 15,739 (View<br>Views)  |
| 🙉 la_sparks 🛛 - Follow   | Newsletter (Know<br>Before You Go) | 7,584<br>(38.2% Open Rate)              | 948 (27.6% Click-<br>Through Rate) | 20 home games           |
| Paid partnership with <b>pacificsurfliner</b><br>Going to the Sparks game? Cruise by LA traffic by<br>la_sparks - Original audio | Social Branded<br>Content          | 19,933                                  | 498                                | 16,683 (video<br>views) |
|  | TOTAL                              | 69,436                                  | 1,890                              | 32,422                  |

## Q2 2024-25 Highlights: Print Ads – Visitors' Guides

### SURFLINER.

### Enjoy the comforts of home while you travel.

Take Amtrak® Pacific Surfliner® to 29 stations between San Diego to San Luis Obispo along the Southern California coast. There is a power outlet for every seat, free Wi-Fi, and a Café Car on board that serves food and drinks including wine, beer, and cocktails.

Book your trip now at PacificSurfliner.com/OceansideGuide.



Visit Oceanside Visitors Guide

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### Next Stop: Magic

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Take Amtrak® Pacific Surfliner® to Anaheim's world-class attractions, including the *Disneyland*. Resort and entertainment venues such as the Honda Center. Angel Stadium, and the Anaheim Convention Center. The train station is centrally located, making the train your ticket to a family-friendly getaway.

Use code V712 and save 20% on Pacific Surfliner® train travel to and from Anaheim. To save 5% on Disneyland® Resort Theme Park admission, visit:

PacificSurfliner.com/Disney

Visit Anaheim Destination Guide

### Amtrak Pacific Surfliner

Cruise the coast by train! Take the Pacific Surfliner for a memorable journey across Southern Collfornia. Stay connected with complimentary Wi-Fi and power outlets while enjoying iconic views. Visit the onboard Market Café for a selection of local food and drinks including wine, beer, and cocktails. The Pacific Surfliner serves 29 stations in San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obigon counties. From sporting events to concerts to beach towns, where will the train take you?

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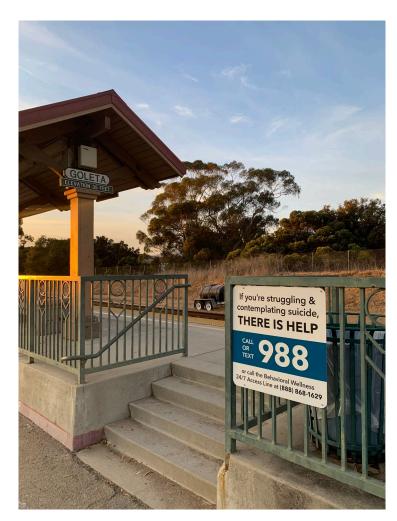
\*Submitted in 2024 for 2025 annual issues

## Q2 2025 Highlights: Signage Updates

- Station monument sign
  replacements
- Poster case installations
- Suicide prevention signs







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## Q2 2024-25 Highlights: Tandem Bikes On Board

### TAKE YOUR TANDEM



We're excited to announce new tandem bike racks, coming soon to Pacific Surfliner trains. Explore the SoCal coast with your favorite travel buddy and bring your tandem bike along for the ride. That means it's easier than ever to plan the perfect cycling getaway!

### COMING SOON



Newsletter Inclusion

### Facebook 🛛 View on Facebook Page



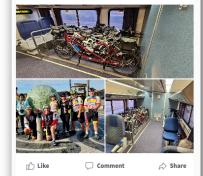
You can bring a tandem bike on the Pacific Surfliner now!

Here's a great example by the **Blind Stokers Club** using this amentity to help their travels:

The new Amtrak Pacific Surfliner access for carryon and racking Tandem bikes is now available in Cab Cars. The BSC Tandems on Amtrak Demo Adventure (TADA), a train-bike-train model, collected and racked 4 tandem teams (plus 1 single cyclist) from 3 different San Diego stations; all 9 cyclists and 5 bicycles detrained (Train 765) at Anaheim for 34 mile cycling tour via Newport peninsula, Balboa Island, Back Bay, UCI and to Irvine station for boarding afternoon Train 774 back to origin stations.

For more info on bringing your bike along for the ride, click here: https://www.pacificsurfliner.com/onboard/bikes

#amtrak #bikes #biketravel #PacificSurfliner #Amtrak #AmtrakTrain #CoastalViews #TrainTravel #PacificBeach #PacificCoast #VisitCalifornia #SouthernCalifornia



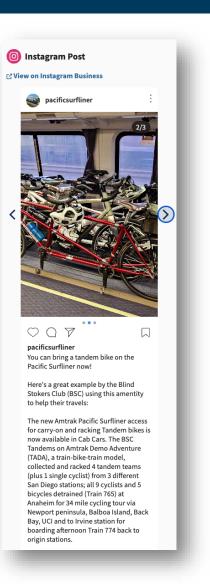


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### Social Media Posts



## Q2 2024-25: Communications

### • Passenger:

- Del Mar Phase 5 Project
- Holiday travel tips
- Installation of tandem bike racks
- Weekend track maintenance projects

### Press Releases:

- Press releases issued 2
- Total pickup by media outlets 903
- Views and hits 30,566
- In the Media:
  - 837 mentions
  - Publicity value of \$5.06 million



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Passengers at the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center in

post-Thanksgiving travel. Allen J. Schaben/Los Angeles Times/0

### 2024 Holiday Travel Updates

### December 2024 Updates

Whether you are heading home for the holidays or off to a winter wonderland, taking the Pacific Surfliner is the perfect way to get to your holiday destination. The holidays are a busy time for train travel. Here are some simple tips for your holiday train trip.



### Book Your Ride

## Q2 2024-25: Social Media

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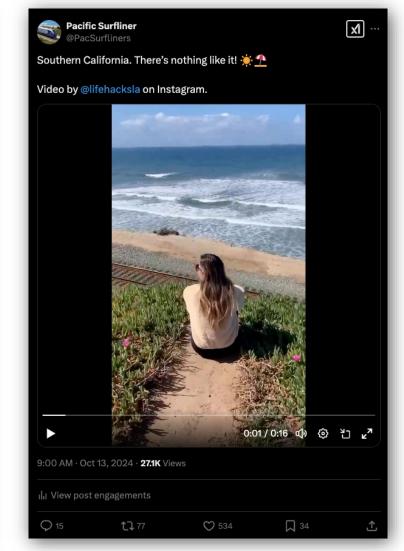
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A chill December morning in sunny southern California 🔆

#PacificSurfliner #Amtrak #AmtrakTrain #CoastalViews #TrainTravel #SanClemente #PacificCoast #VisitCalifornia #SouthernCalifornia







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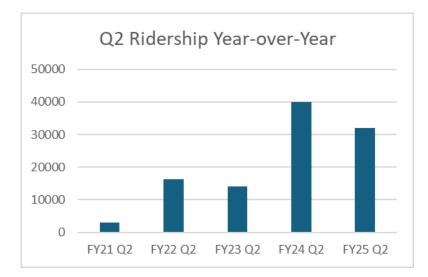
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| 0        | 54,002          | 1,892                | 10.95%           | N/A**       |
| X        | 17,603          | -271                 | 5.92%            | 479         |
|          | 1,554           | 34                   | 4.85%            | N/A**       |

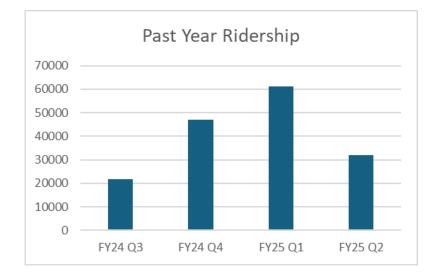
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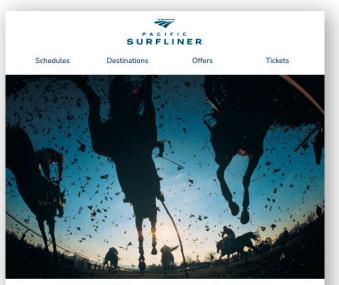
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| 2020-21 – Q2         | 21,824                    | 1,859    | 2,955                                  | 97,285                               |
| 2021-22 – Q2         | 79,410                    | 8,740    | 16,341                                 | 535,052                              |
| 2022-23 – Q2         | 98,538                    | 7,707    | 14,098                                 | 453,053                              |
| 2023-24 –Q2          | 201,038                   | 20,719   | 39,905                                 | 1,272,519                            |
| 2024-25 –Q2          | 163,382                   | 16,044   | 32,077                                 | \$1,069,841                          |





### Pacific Surfliner Newsletter

| Month        | Total<br>Average<br>Recipients | Average<br>Open Rate | Average<br>Click Rate |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Q1 FY2024-25 | 24,772                         | 46.07%               | 3.16%                 |
| Q2 FY2024-25 | 26,888                         | 51.89%               | 4.03%                 |

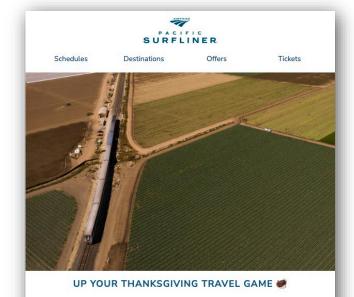


### DEL MAR'S MANE ATTRACTION A

Giddy up! The Del Mar Races are here every Thursday - Sunday until September 10, and there's no better way to get there than the Pacific Surfliner. Ride the shuttle from Solana Beach Station (SOL) to the track for FREE with a valid Pacific Surfliner ticket, and enjoy horse races, dining, and more at this incredible coastal setting.

### PONY UP FOR THE RACES

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Traveling over Thanksgiving? Don't just wing it! Remember that seats are in high demand over holidays— the best way to guarantee your spot (and some comfy bonus amenities) is by booking a Business Class ticket. Check out our blog with more holiday travel tips and updates below!

GOBBLE UP TRAVEL TIPS



Southern California is absolutely packed with holiday events that will have you feeling festive in no time. Hot tip: use the train to go on the holiday activit/event spree of your wildest sugar plum dreams! Click below to learn more about a few seasonal events along the Pacific Surfliner route.

DECK THE RAILS

Q3 FY2024-25 Initiatives

- Southern California Wildfire Support
- Social Media Influencer Effort
- Spring Mid-Week Sale
- Service Restoration
- Strategic Partnerships
- Ongoing Rail Safety Outreach
- Website Updates
- Summer Event Promotions



# QUESTIONS?

