




May 18, 2026

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jason Jewell, Managing Director 

Subject: Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. L-4-0018 with San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority for Federal Rail Advocacy Services

Overview

On September 1, 2024, the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency entered into a cooperative agreement with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority to reimburse San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority for federal rail education and advocacy services provided through a coordinated statewide effort among California intercity passenger rail agencies. The agreement supports intercity passenger rail operations by monitoring federal legislative efforts and funding opportunities.

The original agreement was executed for a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000, through June 30, 2025. Amendment No. 1 was subsequently executed administratively to extend the term through June 30, 2026, and increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$40,000, for a total authorized amount of \$90,000.

Staff is seeking Board of Directors' approval for Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$140,000, to extend the agreement through December 31, 2029, increasing the total contract value to \$230,000.

Recommendation

Authorize the Managing Director to execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. L-4-0018 between the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority to add \$140,000, increasing the total contract value to \$230,000, and extending the term from September 1, 2024, through December 31, 2029.

Discussion

The cooperative agreement with San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) allows the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency to remain current on federal legislative efforts, including funding opportunities related to

intercity rail. These services support engagement with federal legislators, agencies, and industry stakeholders on matters affecting intercity passenger rail funding, policy, and program development.

SJJPA serves as the lead agency for procuring federal legislative advocacy services on behalf of participating intercity passenger rail agencies. In 2024, SJJPA conducted a competitive procurement process for these services and selected Tai Ginsberg & Associates, LLC to provide federal legislative advocacy support under a multi-year agreement.

Through this structure, LOSSAN is able to participate in these services without conducting a separate procurement, while benefiting from a coordinated statewide approach to federal advocacy.

These services are also provided in coordination with California's Intercity Rail Corridors Linking Everyone (CIRCLE), an informal coalition of California's intercity passenger rail agencies that works collaboratively to inform federal policymakers about state-supported intercity rail services and promote California's expanding rail system and investments.

The scope of services includes coordination with state partners and other joint powers authorities, outreach to members of Congress and their staff, participation in national rail policy discussions, and support for legislative initiatives that benefit state-supported intercity passenger rail services.

Amendment No. 2 will:

- Extend the term of the agreement through December 31, 2029; and
- Increase the contract authority by \$140,000.

Continuing participation in this coordinated advocacy effort ensures that LOSSAN remains aligned with statewide priorities and maintains a strong presence in federal legislative and funding discussions that directly impact the Pacific Surfliner rail corridor.

Fiscal Impact

The \$140,000 anticipated cost for Amendment No. 2 represents an increase in contract authority over the extended term of the agreement. Funding for this agreement will be included in future Fiscal Year budgets and is subject to Board of Directors' approval through the annual budget process.

The original agreement was approved for \$50,000, and Amendment No. 1 added \$40,000, bringing the total prior authorization to \$90,000. Approval of Amendment No. 2 will increase the total contract value to \$230,000.

Summary

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Managing Director to execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. L-4-0018 with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, in the amount of \$140,000, to extend the agreement through December 31, 2029, for continued participation in federal legislative advocacy services.

Attachment

None.

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