



**March 18, 2024**

**To:** Members of the Board of Directors

**From:** Jason Jewell, Managing Director

**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2023-24 Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report

**Overview**

The Quarterly Grant Reimbursement Status Report summarizes grant activities for the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency’s Board of Directors. This report focuses on activity for the period of October through December 2023.

**Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.

**Discussion**

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) has secured approximately \$420.1 million in competitive and formula grant funding from state grant agencies to deliver programs, projects, and services to improve mobility along the LOSSAN Corridor. The use of these funds is consistent with capital programming policies approved by LOSSAN’s Board of Directors (Board). The quarterly Grant Status Report summarizes awarded/executed, current, and closed grant agreements.

Summary of Grant Funding			
Grant Program	Total Award	Reimbursed to Date	Remaining Balance
State Rail Assistance	\$30,382,129	\$2,503,150	\$27,878,980
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program	\$342,275,000	\$141,172,022	\$201,102,978
Proposition 1B	\$34,971,000	\$15,826,000	\$19,145,000
State Transportation Improvement Program	\$12,500,000	\$2,449,070	\$10,050,930
Total	\$420,128,129	\$161,950,241	\$258,177,889

*Awarded/Executed Grant Agreements:*

No grants were awarded/executed in the second quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2023-24.

*Current Grant Agreements:*

The State Rail Assistance (SRA) Program is intended to provide a dependable source of supplemental revenue that is flexible and can be used to fund a variety of rail service improvements. It is available for both operational and capital improvements through both formula and competitive distribution. LOSSAN's first round of SRA formula funding totaled approximately \$13.9 million. Through the second quarter of FY 2023-24, approximately \$2.1 million of formula funding has been spent, leaving a balance of \$11.7 million. Projects approved by California State Transportation Agency for the first round of SRA funding include:

- Design of the Goleta Layover Facility
- Funds for a Business Class Refresh
- Continuity of Operations
- Viriato Software Maintenance
- Corridor Optimization Software
- San Luis Obispo Tactile and Electrical Repair
- Grover Beach Station Improvements project
- Central Coast Layover Facility
- Canada Honda Bridge Replacement
- Leesdale Siding Extension
- Operation Lifesaver Campaign

The SRA funded Grover Beach Station Improvement, Viriato Maintenance, Corridor Optimization software and Business Class Refresh projects have been completed. These projects and related funding details are listed in Attachment A. In addition to the \$13.9 million in SRA formula funds mentioned previously, the LOSSAN Agency received an additional \$719 thousand in SRA competitive funding for the Integrated Wayfinding Signage Upgrade project. Approximately \$40 thousand of these competitive funds has been spent, leaving a balance of \$678 thousand with completion expected by the fourth quarter of FY 2023-24.

LOSSAN staff requested allocation disbursements for the second round of SRA formula funds totaling \$29.8 million. The allocation requests cover five new projects that include approximately \$15.4 million for Santa Ynez River/Surf Bridge Replacement, \$7.6 million for Equipment Overhaul and Procurement Matching Funds, \$5.9 million for Corridor Hardening and Safety Improvements, \$550 thousand for an Interregional Connectivity Improvement Project, and \$400 thousand for a LOSSAN Strategic Plan update. Of the projected \$29.8 million in total Round 2 funding, LOSSAN has received approximately \$15.8 million through the

second quarter of FY 2023-24. Of the \$15.8 million received, approximately \$356 thousand of formula funding has been spent, leaving a balance of \$15.5 million.

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) was created to provide grants for capital improvements that modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems. The goal of these improvements is the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles travelled. There are four awarded TIRCP grant agreements, which were awarded by CalSTA in 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2020. During the third quarter of FY 2022-23, The LOSSAN Agency was awarded an additional \$31 million in supplemental funding through the 2023 TIRCP for existing TIRCP projects leveraging federal and local funds reserve. Currently, the awarded TIRCP grant agreements including the supplemental funding total \$342.3 million in funding for multiple projects and programs. Of the five agreements, four are still open after the close out of the 2015 award. A total of \$141.2 million has been received to date, leaving a balance of \$201.1 million. The balance of TIRCP grant agreements will fund projects throughout the corridor including:

- Installation of Centralized Traffic Control
- Upgrades and Replacement of Ties, Rail, and Non-Powered Switches
- Signal and Fencing Upgrades
- Station Improvements
- Safety Improvements
- Corridor Hardening Improvements
  - Ventura County Rincon Point Slope Repairs
  - Santa Barbara County Hollister Ranch Repairs and Drilled Piers project
- Bridge Replacements
- Capital Access and On-Time Performance Agreements
- Expansion of the Central Coast Layover in San Luis Obispo
- Phase One of a new San Diego County Maintenance and Layover Facility

Several of these projects are funded by multiple sources. Work on many of the 2016 and 2018 TIRCP funded projects has continued to progress. Staff will continue to pay pending invoices as reimbursement funds are received from the California Department of Transportation Division of Rail and Mass Transportation.

The Proposition 1B (Prop 1B) Program, which was approved by voters in November 2006, authorized the issuance of \$19.9 billion in general obligation bonds for specified transportation purposes including: congestion reduction, highway and local road improvements, public transportation, goods movement, air quality, safety and security. In May 2020, the LOSSAN Agency was awarded a total of \$35 million in Prop 1B funding. Through the second quarter of FY 2023-24, approximately \$15.8 million of Prop 1B funding has been spent, leaving a balance of \$19.1 million. The majority of the \$15.8 million spent funded the Los Alamos Creek (Narlon) Bridge, which has been completed and is open to train traffic. Moving forward, Prop 1B will

continue to fund the Canada Honda Bridge Replacement, Camarillo Station Improvements, and the Central Coast Layover Facility projects. The Canada Honda Bridge Replacement Project Approval & Environmental Document (PAED) and Plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) phases were completed in calendar year 2023 with construction to begin in March 2024. Details of this program are listed in Attachment C.

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a five-year plan updated on a biannual basis and adopted by the California Transportation Commission for future allocations of certain state transportation funds for state highway improvements, intercity rail, and regional highway and transit improvements. The Central Coast Layover Expansion project includes \$12.5 million in STIP funding and is currently in the PS&E phase. These awarded funds were programmed as part of the 2018 STIP. The STIP funded portion of the PAED phase has been completed.

**Grant Agreements Pending Close-out:**

The SRA cycle 1, which funded a portion of Viriato Maintenance, has been completed and is pending close-out.

**Grant Agreements Closed-out:**

No grants were closed out in the second quarter of FY 2023-24.

***Summary***

The report provides an update of the grant agreement funded activities for the second quarter of fiscal year 2023-24, October through December 2023. Staff recommends this report be received and filed as an information item.

***Attachments***

- A. Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, LOSSAN Grant Agreements, Formula and Competitive State Rail Assistance (SRA), October through December 2023
- B. Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), October through December 2023
- C. Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, Other Discretionary Grants, October through December 2023
- D. Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, Grants Pending Closed Out, October through December 2023

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