



MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY BOARD MEETING

**Monday, May 19, 2014
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

MEMBER AGENCIES

Los Angeles County Metropolitan
Transportation Authority

North San Diego County
Transit District

Orange County
Transportation Authority

Riverside County
Transportation Commission

San Diego
Association of Governments

San Diego Metropolitan
Transit System

San Luis Obispo
Council of Governments

Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

Ventura County
Transportation Commission

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Amtrak

California Department of
Transportation

California High-Speed Rail Authority

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Association of Governments

ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BNSF Railway

California Public Utilities Commission

Southern California
Regional Rail Authority

Union Pacific

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Board Room - Third Floor
Los Angeles, California

Teleconferencing Sites

Amtrak
530 Water Street
Water Street Conf. Room – Fifth Floor
Oakland, California

Orange County Transportation Authority – Headquarters
600 South Main Street
Conference Room 153 – First Floor
Orange, California

Santa Barbara County Supervisors Office
105 East Anapamu Street
Fourth Floor – Small Conference Room
Santa Barbara, California

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BOARD MEETING

Los Angeles · San Diego · San Luis Obispo
Rail Corridor Agency



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2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(revised 03-11-14)

County	Members	Alternates
San Luis Obispo: 1 vote	Fred Strong (Chairman) Council Member, City of Paso Robles Member, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	Jan Howell Marx Mayor, City of San Luis Obispo Member, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
Santa Barbara: 1 vote	Salud Carbajal Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara Member, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	Helene Schneider Mayor, City of Santa Barbara Member, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Ventura: 1 vote	Bryan MacDonald Council Member, City of Oxnard Member, Ventura County Transportation Commission	Jon Sharkey Mayor, City of Port Hueneme Member, Ventura County Transportation Commission
Los Angeles: 2 votes	David Golonski (Vice Chairman) Representative, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Diane DuBois Council Member, City of Lakewood Member, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Beatrice Proo Representative, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Karen Heit Representative, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Orange: 2 votes	(vacant) Representative, Orange County Transportation Authority Al Murray Mayor, City of Tustin Member, Orange County Transportation Authority	Patricia Bates Supervisor, County of Orange Member, Orange County Transportation Authority Frank Ury Council Member, City of Mission Viejo Member, Orange County Transportation Authority

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Riverside: 1 vote	Greg Pettis Council Member, City of Cathedral City Member, Riverside County Transportation Commission	Douglas Hanson Council Member City of Indian Wells Member, Riverside County Transportation Commission
San Diego: 2 votes	Tony Kranz Council Member, City of Encinitas Member, North County Transit District Ernest Ewin Council Member, City of La Mesa Member, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Jim Janney Mayor, City of Imperial Beach First Vice Chair, San Diego Association of Governments	Ed Gallo Council Member, City of Escondido Member, North County Transit District Mona Rios Council Member, City of National City Member, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Lesa Heebner Deputy Mayor, City of Solana Beach Member, San Diego Association of Governments
Ex-Officio Members: Amtrak	Jonathan Hutchison Amtrak	
Caltrans	Bruce Roberts Division of Rail, California Department of Transportation	
California High-Speed Rail Authority	Michelle Boehm California High-Speed Rail Authority	
Southern California Association of Governments	Art Brown Councilmember, City of Buena Park Member, Southern California Association of Governments	

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comments

At this time, members of the public may address the Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, but no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless different time limits are set by the Chairman subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

2. Chairman's Update

Special Calendar

There are no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 3 and 4)

All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Board Member or a member of the public requests separate action or discussion on a specific item.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of the LOSSAN Board meeting of April 28, 2014.

4. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor May 2014 Marketing Update

Megan Taylor/Michael Litschi

Overview

This report is a summary of past and upcoming marketing efforts and events along the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor for the Board of Directors' information.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Regular Calendar

There are no Regular Calendar matters.

Discussion Items

5. **Cancellation of June 2014 Board Of Directors Meeting**

Jennifer Bergener

Staff will recommend the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for June 16, 2014, be cancelled.

6. **Interagency Transfer Agreement Update**

Jennifer Bergener

Managing Agency staff will provide an update on progress of discussions with the State of California on the interagency transfer agreement for the Pacific Surfliner and San Joaquin corridors, including proposed performance measures and an updated schedule for interagency transfer agreement negotiations.

7. **Pacific Surfliner Rolling Stock Overview and Tour of Los Angeles Maintenance Facility**

Jennifer Bergener

Staff from the California Department of Transportation will provide an overview of the existing passenger cars and locomotives used to provide daily Pacific Surfliner rail service, including a discussion on new state-owned equipment that will be delivered beginning in 2016. Following the Board of Directors Meeting, Amtrak will host a tour of its Los Angeles maintenance facility for members of the Board of Directors and staff where Pacific Surfliner equipment is serviced.

8. **Managing Director's Update**

9. **Board Members' Update**

10. **Closed Session**

There is no Closed Session scheduled.

11. **Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be determined based upon discussion under Item 5.



Call to Order

The April 28, 2014, regular meeting of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency was called to order by Chairman Strong at 1:00 p.m. at the County of Santa Barbara, County Administration Building, 105 East Anapamu Street, Board Hearing Room – Fourth Floor, Santa Barbara, California.

Directors Present: Fred Strong, SLOCOG, Chairman
David Golonski, Metro, Vice Chairman
Salud Carbajal, SBCAG
Helene Schneider, SBCAG, Alternate
Diane DuBois, Metro
Beatrice Proo, Metro, Alternate
Karen Heit, Metro, Alternate
Al Murray, OCTA
Greg Pettis, RCTC
Tony Kranz, NCTD
Jonathan Hutchison, Amtrak, Ex-Officio (teleconference)
Bruce Roberts, Caltrans, Ex-Officio
Michelle Boehm, CHSRA, Ex-Officio

Directors Absent: Bryan MacDonald, VCTC
Ernest Ewin, SDMTS
Jim Janney, SANDAG
Art Brown, SCAG, Ex-Officio

Staff Present: Jennifer Bergener, LOSSAN Managing Director
Michael Litschi, LOSSAN Deputy Managing Director
Laurena Weinert, LOSSAN Clerk of the Board
James Donich, LOSSAN General Counsel
Members of the Press and the General Public

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Director Pettis.

1. Public Comments

Chairman Strong announced that members of the public wishing to address the Board of Directors regarding any item appearing on the Agenda may do so by completing a Speakers Card and submitting it to the Clerk of the Board. Speakers will be recognized by the Chairman at the time the agenda item is to be considered. A speakers' comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

Public comments were heard from:

Dennis Story, RailPAC representative, invited the Board to the May 10th National Train Day at the Santa Barbara train station and highlighted the activities. In addition, Director Carbajal will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Director Carbajal recognized Mr. Story for being a rail champion and greatly responsible for Measure A (Santa Barbara County's one-half cent sales tax for transportation), which has \$25 million designated for commuter/passenger rail solutions.

Bob Manning, 2014 California Passenger Rail Summit representative, commented on the California Passenger Rail Summit, which was held in April. Mr. Manning thanked all who attended and the members on the summit's planning committee.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 and 3)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Carbajal, seconded by Director Murray, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency's regular meeting of March 17, 2014.

Director Pettis abstained from voting on this item, having not been present at the March 17th LOSSAN Board meeting.

3. Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Trends for February 2014

Vice Chairman Golonski stated the report noted that on-time performance (OTP) delays were primarily attributed to commuter train interference in San Diego. He recommended receiving the report less frequently and to include detailed analysis regarding the OTP delay causes.

Director Murray suggested that staff review best practices of other similar agencies in order to compare the OTP data against the LOSSAN trends.

Jennifer Bergener, LOSSAN Managing Director, responded that detailed data on this could be provided either bi-monthly or quarterly. Ms. Bergener stated that the interagency transfer agreement (ITA) with the State requires performance measures, which staff is compiling.

Chairman Strong inquired if the OTP delays have anything to do with the dispatching and coordination between agencies and could that be addressed.

Ms. Bergener responded that there are various reasons for the OTP delays. Chairman Strong commented that as LOSSAN becomes aware of the situation, to cooperatively work to resolve the problems through the diverse management.

Director DuBois stated that the OTP delays have been a problem, yet the reasons have not deeply been reviewed in order to address. She agreed to a bi-monthly or quarterly report that provides data with the reasons.

There was consensus of the Board for staff to provide the report less frequently with detailed data regarding the OTP delays, and a motion was made by Director Carbajal, seconded by Director Murray, and declared passed by those present.

Regular Calendar

4. Authorization for Chairman of the Board of Directors to Endorse Programs and Projects

Jennifer Bergener, LOSSAN Managing Director, reported that the recommendation is to provide authorization for the Chairman of the Board to endorse projects and programs that are consistent with the Joint Powers Agreement and Board of Directors-adopted annual legislative platform.

4. (Continued)

Vice Chairman Golonski recommended including a requirement that the endorsements be made available to the Board of Directors. Ms. Bergener responded the endorsements could be included in the Board's "Weekly Update".

Chairman Strong requested an edit to the staff report on Page 2, second paragraph, first sentence, to add the word "The Agreement . . . 2014 which further clarifies . . ."

With the amendments noted, a motion was made by Director DuBois, seconded by Director Carbajal, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Directors to endorse programs and projects for the benefit of the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo rail corridor that are consistent with the Joint Powers Agreement and Board of Directors-adopted annual legislative platform.

5. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Code of Conduct

Jennifer Bergener, LOSSAN Managing Director, reported that in coordination with LOSSAN's General Counsel, staff drafted a Code of Conduct (COC), and the Chairman met with staff regarding his concerns to develop a separate policy for the Board of Directors.

James Donich, LOSSAN General Counsel, stated that the recommended substitute motion is to remove the words: "For purposes . . . ~~Members of the Board of Directors . . .~~" as noted in Attachment A of the staff report, first page, under "Values". In addition, staff would bring back to the Board for approval a separate COC policy for the Board of Directors.

Vice Chairman Golonski inquired if a separate Board policy is necessary and stated that the Board should be governed by the same COC as the LOSSAN employees, other than language that is not pertinent.

Mr. Donich responded that this policy is for the LOSSAN employees, and the Board COC policy would exclude language that was not applicable to the Board.

With the amendment noted, a motion was made by Director Murray, seconded by Director Carbajal, and declared passed by those present, to adopt the proposed Code of Conduct for the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency.

Discussion Items

6. Update from Deputy Secretary of Transportation

Chad Edison, Deputy Secretary of Transportation at the California State Transportation Agency, provided an overview on the agency's major rail efforts and LOSSAN Corridor Interagency Transfer Agreement.

Vice Chairman Golonski thanked Mr. Edison for his commitment and information that was shared at the rail passenger summit and with this Board. He requested the State's rail plan framework in order for the LOSSAN strategic plan to align the State's plan. In addition, he suggested having a central location to retrieve the various rail planning documents.

Ms. Bergener, LOSSAN Managing Director, stated that staff could add the rail document plans as a link on the document section on the LOSSAN website.

Mr. Edison responded that the State's rail plan calendar and framework will be distributed shortly.

7. Update on Fiscal Year 2014-15 Pacific Surfliner Operating Budget

Bruce Roberts, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Rail, and LOSSAN Ex-Officio Board Member, provided an update on Amtrak's preliminary numbers for the Pacific Surfliner operating budget for fiscal year 2014-15.

Additional discussion ensued regarding:

- Caltrans is reviewing the replacement of equipment, as well as what the JPAs need for increased service. In addition, the locomotive fuel efficiency has not changed; instead greenhouse gas emissions reduction is considered.
- The State's historical approach for equipment purchase was based in Prop 116 and 108 funding, and the equipment has stayed in the Northern California pool with a limited amount in the Southern California.
- Prop 1B has funding for the purchase of intercity equipment, and there are also federal funds for new equipment.
- The State's locomotives are being upgraded with the Head End Power provided by Wayside Power (instead of idling) which is a temporary plug-in to passenger trains, and cap and trade funds could be used for the upgrade.

7. (Continued)

- Going forward, the State is reviewing the benefits and encouraging local agencies that own train stations, to make the Wayside Power improvements.
- Director Carbajal requested a profile of the Wayside Power issues with the rail providers and what the goals are in regards to the cap and trade program with dealing with the greenhouse gas emissions.
- The State equipment allocation balance is a reflection of the previous funding, and the equipment between Northern and Southern California is a State concern.
- The State is reviewing equipment equitability between northern and southern California so as to not burden an area with equipment costs. In addition, the State will review the equipment aspects on how it is maintained, managed, and deployed for efficiency.

8. Interagency Transfer Agreement Update

Jennifer Bergener, LOSSAN Managing Director, reported that the proposed schedule is being updated to have the ITA fully negotiated by the beginning of 2015, which is in coordination with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and Secretary of Transportation partners.

Staff continues to work on the ITA's division of roles and responsibilities, which will be discussed at a future date with the LOSSAN Staff Working Group, LOSSAN Executive Committee, and Board.

Vice Chairman Golonski inquired if the Executive Director of the LOSSAN JPA is included in the contract negotiations with the State and Amtrak in order to assure there is no contradiction with LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency (i.e., on-time performance analysis.)

Ms. Bergener responded that Chad Edison and Bruce Roberts have provided information regarding the contract negotiations process with Amtrak. LOSSAN staff has been invited to participate in the monthly coordination meetings.

Director Roberts responded that he will inquire about LOSSAN participating in the contract negotiations with a potential confidentiality agreement, and stated Caltrans does understand LOSSAN's goals.

9. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Capital Project Spotlight

Scott Spaulding, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, presented the capital projects currently under development in Santa Barbara County along the LOSSAN rail corridor.

Vice Chairman Golonski inquired about the Phillips 66 plan that would transport tank cars with crude oil along the LOSSAN rail corridor and concern about the lack of response from Union Pacific regarding the project within the LOSSAN corridor.

Mr. Spaulding responded that the project is in San Luis Obispo County, and he is monitoring the draft environmental impact report, which has been postponed.

10. Formation of Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Staff Working Group

Michael Litschi, LOSSAN Deputy Managing Director, reported on the plan to form a LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency Staff Working Group, which was discussed at the LOSSAN Executive Committee on February 19, 2014.

The Staff Working Group concept is similar to Metrolink and the Capitol Corridor agencies and would consist of designated staff from each voting member agency to discuss technical and sensitive issues.

Staff's recommendation is for the Staff Working Group to meet bi-monthly and the LOSSAN Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to meet no less than quarterly, or as needed.

Director Kranz stated his concerns that the Board needs to receive information as to what the Staff Working Group is discussing.

Vice Chairman Golonski stated that the Executive Committee had a robust discussion that the Board is to be kept apprised on the working group's discussion. In addition, the compromise was to keep the LOSSAN TAC and provide flexibility for the LOSSAN Managing Director to work with the technical experts by creating a Staff Working Group that would not set policy.

There was consensus from the Board for the concept to create the Staff Working Group.

11. Managing Director's Updates

Jennifer Bergener, LOSSAN Managing Director, reported:

- On a recommendation that the Board consider going dark for the June 16th Board meeting, due to the June 15 - 18 American Public Transportation Association rail conference and schedule conflicts with the LOSSAN staff and member agencies' representatives that would be attending the conference.
- On a recommendation for an agenda item for the May 19th or future Board meetings to discuss passenger cars and locomotive equipment.
- Mr. Litschi and she met with Director Roberts and Chad Edison to discuss the ITA, and Ms. Bergener thanked them for making significant progress with the negotiations and for all their support through the process.

12. Board Members' Updates

Chairman Strong reported that he traveled along with Vice Chairman Golonski and LOSSAN staff for the following: 1) April 2 – 3, California Passenger Rail Summit in Los Angeles; and 2) Sacramento (the week of March 17th) for the first Senate Select Committee on Passenger Rail and meetings with members of the California State Senate and Assembly.

Director Schneider commended staff for the rail summit coordination and Sacramento legislators' meetings which she also attended.

Vice Chairman Golonski concurred with Director Schneider's compliment to staff, and highlighted LOSSAN's message to the legislators. In addition, he requested that the brochure provided to the legislators also be provided to the Board, and suggested a future agenda item regarding innovative awareness for ticketing, locomotion, bicycle coordination, and scheduling, as well as look to the State for a rail innovation summit.

Ms. Bergener, LOSSAN Managing Director, stated that the successful brochure was spearheaded by Linda Culp, San Diego Association of Governments, and has been posted to the LOSSAN website.

Director Carbajal commented that there was a LOSSAN strategic plan and recommended a future agenda item for discussion of the plan. He also announced that there is a Santa Barbara reception after the Board meeting for the Board and staff to attend.



12. (Continued)

Director Pettis announced that in May, the Riverside County Transportation Commission will vote to award a contract to prepare the service delivery plan for the Coachella Valley to Los Angeles (LA) rail.

Director DuBois announced that LA Metro will partner with Amtrak and Metrolink to commemorate the historic Union Station's 75th birthday, along with the National Train Day event on May 3rd.

Chairman Strong asked Director DuBois if she had an update the rail connection to LA International Airport. Director DuBois responded that there is no report yet.

Director Roberts reported that at the LA May 3rd event, Amtrak will sell limited edition commemorative tickets and provide free rides to Glendale back to the LA Union Station.

Chairman Strong asked Director Hutchison about the possibility that

Director DuBois heard that Vice President Joe Biden might attend the May 3rd National Rail Day in LA. Director Hutchison responded that the event is being organized by LA Metro, and it was initially discussed, yet believes it will not actually transpire.

13. Closed Session

A Closed Session was not conducted at this meeting.

14. Adjournment

The meeting of the LOSSAN Board adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held from **12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014**, at: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Board Room – Third Floor, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, California.

ATTEST

Fred Strong
LOSSAN Chairman

Laurena Weinert
LOSSAN Clerk of the Board