



MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 17, 2014
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

San Diego Association of Governments
401 B Street, Board Room – 7th Floor
San Diego, California

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

Southern California
Association of Governments

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BNSF Railway

California Public Utilities Commission

Southern California
Regional Rail Authority

Union Pacific

Teleconferencing Site

City of Oxnard – Administrative Office
300 West Third Street, 4th Floor
Oxnard, California

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Agenda Descriptions

The agenda descriptions are intended to give members of the public a general summary of items of business to be transacted or discussed. The posting of the recommended actions does not indicate what action will be taken. The Board of Directors may take any action which it deems to be appropriate on the agenda item and is not limited in any way by the notice of the recommended action.

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Public Availability of Agenda Materials

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2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(revision as of 07-11-14)

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

County	Members	Alternates
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	Alexander Khalfin Amtrak	
Caltrans	Bruce Roberts Division of Rail and Mass Transportation 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

3. Nominations Committee Update for 2015 Chairman and Vice Chairman Jennifer Bergener

Overview

Staff will provide an overview of the nominations process and applications received for Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for 2015. The Nominations Committee will also provide a report on their review of the candidate applications for Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2015.

Consent Calendar (Items 4 through 6)

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.

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of the LOSSAN Board meeting of October 20, 2014.

5. Status Report of State Legislation Enacted in 2014 Kristin Essner/Michael Litschi

Overview

At the conclusion of the 2013-14 legislative session, 931 bills were signed and chaptered by Governor Jerry Brown, while 143 bills were vetoed. A report containing a brief analysis of legislation relevant to the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency is provided.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

6. **Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Trends for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-15**
Megan Taylor/Michael Litschi

Overview

A report on ridership, revenue, and on-time performance for the passenger rail services on the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo rail corridor, including the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, Metrolink, and COASTER, covering the first quarter of fiscal year 2014-15, is provided.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Regular Calendar

7. **Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Draft Business Plan Chapters**
Michael Litschi/Jennifer Bergener

Overview

In order to assume administrative responsibility for the state-funded Pacific Surfliner intercity rail service, the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency must develop and approve an initial business plan to be included and referenced as part of the interagency transfer agreement. The following draft Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Business Plan chapters are presented for Board of Directors' review and approval: Capital Improvements, Passenger Amenities, Equipment, Marketing, and Emerging Corridors.

Recommendation

Direct staff to incorporate comments received from the Staff Working Group and the Board of Directors regarding the draft Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Business Plan chapters concerning Capital Improvements, Passenger Amenities, Equipment, Marketing, and Emerging Corridors.

8. 2015 Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Legislative Program

Brandon Bullock/Michael Litschi

Overview

The final draft version of the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency 2015 Legislative Program been revised based upon input received, and is submitted for final consideration and adoption by the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Board of Directors.

Recommendation

Adopt the 2015 Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Legislative Program.

Discussion Items

9. California State Transportation Agency Update

Chad Edison, California State Transportation Agency

Chad Edison, Deputy Secretary for Transportation at the California State Transportation Agency, will provide an update on negotiations with the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency regarding the interagency transfer agreement, the status of the fiscal year 2014-15 operating agreement with Amtrak and national efforts related to state pricing, upcoming corridor and network integration planning impacting Southern California, and other agency activities.

10. Mid-Coast Project Update

Greg Gastelum, San Diego Association of Governments

Staff from the San Diego Association of Governments will provide an update on the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project, which will extend the existing San Diego trolley system from Santa Fe Depot in downtown San Diego to the University City community, serving major activity centers such as Old Town, the University of California, San Diego, and Westfield University Town Center, largely along the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo rail corridor.

11. Managing Agency Update

Jennifer Bergener

Managing Agency staff will provide an update on recent activities, including the interagency transfer agreement, coordination and partnership efforts, updated schedule, and a summary of meetings attended.

13. Board Members' Report

14. Closed Session

There is no Closed Session scheduled.

15. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held:

Monday, December 15, 2014

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Board Room - 3rd Floor

One Gateway Center

Los Angeles, California



Call to Order

The October 20, 2014, regular meeting of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency was called to order by Chairman Strong at 12:32 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Board Room - Third Floor, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, California.

Roll Call

The Clerk of the Board noted a quorum was present, with the following Directors in attendance:

Directors Present	Fred Strong, Chairman David Golonski, Vice Chairman Salud Carbajal, SBCAG (teleconference) Bryan MacDonald, VCTC Diane DuBois, Metro Al Murray, OCTA (teleconference) Greg Pettis, RCTC (teleconference) Tony Kranz, NCTD Alex Khalfin, Amtrak, Ex-Officio Michelle Boehm, CHSRA, Ex-Officio
Directors Absent	Ernest Ewin, SDMTS Jim Janney, SANDAG Bruce Roberts, Caltrans, Ex-Officio Art Brown, SCAG, Ex-Officio
Staff Present	Jennifer Bergener, Managing Director Michael Litschi, Deputy Managing Director Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board James Donich, General Counsel

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Kranz.

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 speaker's comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

Public comments were heard from:

Paul Dyson, RailPAC representative, commented about the Pacific Surfliner equipment, and noted that Amtrak entered into a long-term third-party leveraged lease with Philip Morris and another party. He suggested review of the lease for a buyout provision or early termination clause, in order to refinance and reduce the cost of the "rolling stock" within the LOSSAN corridor.

Bob Manning, representing the California Passenger Rail Summit, announced that the 2015 California Passenger Rail Summit will be held on April 29 and 30 in Sacramento.

Chairman Strong requested that Mr. Dyson's comments be communicated to the State.

Jennifer Bergener, LOSSAN Managing Director, responded that the current leased equipment provisions are addressed in Amtrak's operating agreement, and have been considered in the purchase of new equipment and the fleet deployment plan is being reviewed by the State.

2. Chairman's Update

Chairman Strong referenced the handout provided to the Board and reported that:

- Directors Carbajal, DuBois, Murray, and Heebner will serve on the LOSSAN Nominating Committee to review applications for LOSSAN's Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- He traveled to Washington, D.C. and met with Amtrak Vice-President, Joe McHugh, which resulted in the delivery of three special Amtrak city entryway signs for the City of Paso Robles.

2. (Continued)

- Alex Khalfin, LOSSAN's Ex-Officio Board Member and Amtrak representative, was thanked for his efforts and cooperation in obtaining the entryway signs. In addition, any of the LOSSAN corridor cities with an Amtrak station may request the free signs.
- Several of the Board Members are working with the Chairman to achieve cooperation from the League of California Cities for support, goals, and policies for LOSSAN's California Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor.
- Ms. Bergener and the Chairman are working on innovative approaches for increasing the Federal appropriation to the California corridors and how to improve the cooperation between LOSSAN and private track owners for track capacity.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 3 and 4)

3. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Golonski pulled this item to note a revision to Page 4, Item 3, Paragraph 3, in the minutes to state:

Vice Chairman Golonski requested looking at the experience that the LOSSAN Agency had with an express train that was cancelled and determine if that is appropriate as the Agency goes forward.

A motion was made by Director Murray, seconded by Vice Chairman Golonski, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to approve the amended minutes of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency's regular meeting of September 15, 2014.

Director DuBois abstained on this item, having not been present at the September 15, 2014, meeting.

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

Director Murray pulled this item and inquired if the ridership increased/declined on the Pacific Surfliner Del Mar train to/from Solana Beach compared to last year.

4. (Continued)

Ms. Bergener responded that staff is working with Amtrak to obtain the final ridership data, which will be forwarded to the Board.

Vice Chairman Golonski commented that as the Agency transitions into a new role in July 2015, he recommended a review of the costs of a particular marketing initiative, what are the goals, and how they are being measured.

Vice Chairman Golonski suggested setting a benchmark, establishing a baseline, and reviewing whether the marketing efforts need adjustment. In addition, the Board will need to discuss the policy concerning the marketing strategy, which depends on the budget, as well as discuss best practices and compare that with current and future marketing efforts.

Ms. Bergener responded that Vice Chairman Golonski's suggestions would be incorporated into the marketing chapter of the business plan. In addition, there have been discussions with the State on how marketing success is measured and if it should be included in the standard performance measures. It was decided not to be included in the standard performance measures, but instead, one of the measures that will be reported out.

A motion was made by Director Murray, seconded by Director DuBois, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to receive and file as an information item.

Regular Calendar

5. **2015 Draft Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Legislative Program**

Richard Bacigalupo, Manager of State and Federal Relations at Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), provided an overview on the 2015 draft LOSSAN Agency legislative program.

A lengthy discussion ensued during which:

- Director DuBois recommended that the Board be provided with the LOSSAN Agency's primary legislative focus, and the Board can provide support for these key areas of focus.

5. (Continued)

- Chairman Strong proposed for the November 17th Board meeting, an amendment to either discuss additional recognition for regional transportation or exemption under PRIIA Section 209 for California and other states that have Intercity rail corridors less than 750 miles in length.
- Vice Chairman Golonski recommended that with the upcoming State budget cycle, that staff and Board Members have discussions with the budget and new legislative staff (of the legislators) in their respective districts (e.g., Speaker, President Pro-tem).
- Vice Chairman Golonski requested coordination with the LOSSAN Member Agencies' legislative advocacy representatives, and to utilize the Board Members to attend the legislative staff meetings, and provide the IPR brochure.
- Chairman Strong reported that next month, he will attend a League of California Cities leadership conference in Sacramento. At the conference, many of the LOSSAN corridor Mayors will advocate that the League adopt the LOSSAN Agency's rail principles.
- Chairman Strong urged the Board that until LOSSAN is a full legal operating agency, to be cautious about legislative efforts until the execution of the Interagency Transfer Agreement (ITA), which will be in early 2015.
- Vice Chairman Golonski requested clarification on the LOSSAN Agency not being a full legal agency. James Donich, LOSSAN General Counsel, responded that LOSSAN is a legal agency; however, the Agency cannot operate rail services until the ITA is executed.
- Vice Chairman Golonski stated that the Agency had a prior legislative platform. Chairman Strong reported that the prior legislative advocacy was through the passenger rail associations in which there was participation by the LOSSAN Agency.
- Vice Chairman Golonski requested advocacy for more consistent funding and support for intercity rail. Mr. Bacigalupo stated that staff is working with the two other California intercity passenger rail corridors, and during the transition period, the Agency will support intercity passenger rail in California and nationally.

5. (Continued)

- Chairman Strong expressed concerns about having the LOSSAN staff lobbying the legislators during the transition/negotiation of the ITA with the State.

Ms. Bergener stated that meeting with the legislators is an opportunity to discuss the Agency's efforts, ask for support, as well as mention the emerging corridors, long-term operating sustainability, and capital projects within the LOSSAN corridor.

Vice Chairman Golonski stated there were discussions regarding seeking flexibility with Perata legislation regarding bus service, and inquired if additional discussion is needed or include it in the legislative program.

Ms. Bergener responded there have been discussions with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority regarding the Perata legislation, and there is support to seek amendments to the law; however, the consensus is to address any proposed amendments after execution of the ITA.

Chairman Strong stated that the rail passenger associations support the Agency having flexibility with the Perata legislation.

Vice Chairman Golonski recommended noting in the platform to seek flexibility in operations, including bus operations, for efficiency.

Chairman Strong suggested that Vice Chairman Golonski draft language to be considered at the November 17th, Board meeting.

Director DuBois requested that staff bring forward to the January 2015 LOSSAN Agency Board meeting a proposed amendment to the Perata legislation.

Public comments were heard from:

Paul Dyson, RailPAC representative, commented that the RailPAC and other associations have pushed for an amendment or appeal to the Perata legislation and requested that the efforts be coordinated. Mr. Dyson suggested for the local legislator meetings, that the rail passenger associations host a reception/event or train ride to discuss the overall efforts.

A motion was made by Director Carbajal, seconded by Director DuBois, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to receive and file the report and bring forward the final consideration to adopt at the November 17, 2014, Board of Directors' meeting.

6. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Draft Business Plan Chapters

Michael Litschi, LOSSAN Deputy Managing Director, and Ms. Bergener reported on the draft Business Plan chapters concerning the Fare Policy, Annual Funding, Separation of Funding, Government Relations and Advocacy, and Safety and Security.

A very lengthy discussion ensued, and the Board provided their comments and concerns, which were noted by the LOSSAN staff.

Bridget Hennessey, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer for North County Transit District (NCTD), responded to Director DuBois' questions regarding NCTD's Positive Train Control (PTC) timelines. Ms. Hennessey reported that NCTD will provide their report to the Federal Railroad Administration in October 2015, and implementation will be by the December 31, 2015, deadline.

Jay Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of Road Operations for Amtrak, responded to Chairman Strong's comments regarding the trespasser incident on the railroad bridge between Refugio State Beach and Gaviota State Park in Santa Barbara County.

Mr. Fountain reported that Amtrak has discussed the incident with Union Pacific Railroad, and he will report out at the next LOSSAN Board meeting the outcome of the October 23rd meeting with Union Pacific and Amtrak. In addition, Mr. Fountain reported that all the Amtrak locomotives are PTC ready.

Chairman Strong commented on an Amtrak incident in which the train struck a trespasser crossing the tracks south of Salinas, California. He stated that the passengers waited 12 hours before they were picked up, and Amtrak's passenger communication system needs to be addressed.

Mr. Fountain responded that the incident involved Amtrak's Coast Starlight and apologized for the lack of communication. He stated that the Pacific Surfliner has an excellent communication system with those types of situations, and the safety record in the past 14.5 months has been zero operating rule violations.

A motion was made by Director DuBois, seconded by Director Murray, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to direct staff to incorporate comments received from the Staff Working Group and the Board of Directors regarding the draft Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Business Plan chapters concerning Fare Policy, Annual Funding, Separation of Funding, Government Relations and Advocacy, and Safety and Security.

7. Proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Bergener reported that the proposed 2015 meeting schedule includes the monthly Board meetings and quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee and Technical Advisory Committee as noted in Attachment A in the staff report.

Ms. Bergener stated that Chairman Strong had a conflict with the January 21st Board meeting, and she proposed changing the start time and hold the meeting at Los Angeles Metro in a conference room, since the Board Room is not available.

Ms. Bergener reported that the Staff Working Group requested moving the Board meeting in Santa Barbara to Friday, July 31st, and she received comments to have potential bi-monthly or quarterly Board meetings following the execution of the ITA.

Chairman Strong provided his concerns for the proposed January 21st Board meeting and recommended a January 14th, 26th, or 28th meeting at the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Headquarters. Chairman Strong also recommended that if the January meeting is held in Los Angeles, to have the April meeting at OCTA.

Ms. Bergener stated that the January Board meeting will include the election of officers and an item regarding the ITA, which will require super majority quorum of the Board. She recommended adoption of the proposed calendar with the exception of January, which could be moved to Los Angeles Metro in a conference room, and query the Board about their availability.

A motion was made by Director DuBois, seconded by Director Murray, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to adopt the proposed 2015 meeting schedule for the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency with a potential change of the April 20th Board meeting to be located at the OCTA Headquarters and leave the January Board open for further confirmation by the LOSSAN staff.

Discussion Items

8. Legislative Update

Richard Bacigalupo, Manager of State and Federal Relations at OCTA, reported that the cap and trade legislation regulations issued on the affordable housing sustainable communities program are being reviewed. Staff is working to advance the LOSSAN Agency's concerns and desire to be part of the program and partnering with the other intercity passenger rail corridors.

Mr. Bacigalupo reported on the Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act progress and call for Amtrak to provide greater transparency and book keeping. He highlighted the other calls for a state-supported advisory committee regarding pricing methodology, station development goal, and focus on streamlining the railroad infrastructure financing and decision-making process.

Director DuBois inquired if there has been a review of bike funding for the first and last mile of the LOSSAN corridor. Mr. Bacigalupo responded that at the state level there could be cap and trade funding, and on the federal level active transportation funds are being reviewed.

Chairman Strong thanked Mr. Bacigalupo and staff for their support with the meetings in Washington D.C.

9. California High-Speed Rail Update

Michelle Boehm, Southern California Regional Director for California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) and LOSSAN Ex-Officio Board Member, presented an update on the CHSRA rail project.

Vice Chairman Golonski inquired if the current plan assumes the terminus station to be at the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank for a decade. Ms. Boehm responded that the Burbank terminus is noted in the 2014 business plan; however, depending on funding, the terminus timeline could be shortened or additional options reviewed to not have a Burbank terminus.

Vice Chairman Golonski stated that from a LOSSAN Agency's perspective, to encourage the CHSRA rail project terminus to be at Union Station in Los Angeles in order to provide connectivity.

Director Kranz inquired about the tunneling project and the environmental considerations being studied and how would it impact costs.

9. (Continued)

Ms. Boehm responded that there are approximately 20 miles of tunneling from Palmdale to Burbank around the State Route 14 corridor. She stated that having fewer longer tunnels, as opposed to shorter tunnels, are being studied and the cost will not be greatly different.

Director Kranz concurred with Vice Chairman Golonski's statement regarding having the terminus at Union Station would be important for San Diegans that commute by conventional rail to have a connection to the high-speed rail service without a gap.

10. Managing Agency Update

Ms. Bergener reported that:

- Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DRMT) is updating the Rail 2 Rail draft agreement, which will be sent to Metrolink in the next few weeks to continue the program.
- Caltrans DRMT will submit this week a final draft of the ITA for Chad Edison, Deputy Secretary of Caltrans, and LOSSAN staff to review by October 24th.
- The Amtrak operating agreement goal is to either execute or have the final agreement by the end of October.
- LOSSAN staff continues to participate in the monthly Amtrak operations meeting, which provides an opportunity to discuss the marketing updates, operational issues, and passenger communications. The Board will be provided an update on the meetings through the "Weekly Update".
- Mr. Litschi and Ms. Bergener attended a partnership working group meeting with Amtrak, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, and Caltrans DRMT to discuss Amtrak's operational responsibilities (e.g., food and beverage, audits, marketing, etcetera).
- The nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman are due on October 31st.
- Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner had 14.5 months with zero operations and rules violations.
- Amtrak will provide extra bike space this weekend for the Santa Barbara Open Streets event.

10. (Continued)

- Chairman Strong recommended that the Chairman of the Nominations Committee either be Director Carbajal or Director DuBois. Director Carbajal deferred to Director DuBois to Chair the Nominations Committee.
- Ms. Bergener will email the Nominations Committee regarding scheduling a meeting in early November.

11. Board Members' Updates

Director MacDonald announced that Halloween is on a Friday and urged everyone to be safe. Director DuBois added that during the Halloween evening, to be safe around the rail tracks.

Director Kranz announced that as a NCTD representative, he attended the RailVolution conference in Minneapolis, and stated that nationally, there is a shared frustration with the challenges to obtain resources for rail operations and projects.

Chairman Strong announced that there is consensus of the Board to move the November 17th LOSSAN Board meeting start time to 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in San Diego and hosted by the San Diego Association of Governments.

Director MacDonald stated that he will not be able to attend the November 17th Board meeting in person; however, he will teleconference into the meeting.

12. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session matters.



MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting

13. Adjournment

The meeting of the LOSSAN Board adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held:

Monday, November 17, 2014

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (note: different start time)

San Diego Association of Governments

Board Room – 7th Floor

401 B Street

San Diego, California

ATTEST

Laurena Weinert
LOSSAN Clerk of the Board

Fred Strong
LOSSAN Chairman