



MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY JOINT POWERS BOARD

The Board may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Windsor Room – 15th Floor
LA Metro
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA
Lunch Provided

Alternative Location:

Board of Supervisors Small Conference Room, 4th Floor
Santa Barbara County Administration Building
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Santa Barbara, CA

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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- **LOSSAN CORRIDORWIDE STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE**
- **STATE BUDGET UPDATE AND UPCOMING CORRIDOR PROJECT SUBMITTALS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS**
- **OCTA AND CALTRANS LOSSAN CORRIDOR QUICK IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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ITEM #	TAC RECOMMENDATION
1. CHAIR'S REPORT	
Welcome and Introductions.	
2. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS	
Speakers are limited to three minutes each.	
CONSENT (3 through 5)	
+3. JUNE 23, 2010, MEETING MINUTES	APPROVE
The meeting minutes are included for approval.	
+4. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Linda Culp, SANDAG)	APPROVE
The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed a number of relevant state legislative bills in various stages of the state process and recommends that staff continues to monitor.	
+5. PACIFIC SURFLINER UPDATE (Patrick Merrill, Amtrak)	INFORMATION
The latest corridor statistics, including ridership and revenue statistics and customer satisfaction indices, are attached.	
REPORTS (6 through 11)	
6. LOSSAN CORRIDORWIDE STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE (Linda Culp, SANDAG)	DISCUSSION/ POSSIBLE ACTION
The strategic implementation plan scope of work reviewed by the Board of Directors at its May 28, 2010, meeting, including specific activities of the LOSSAN Project Manager over the next two months, will be discussed at the meeting. Staff also will report on the status of contracting efforts.	
+7. OCTA AND CALTRANS LOSSAN CORRIDOR QUICK IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (Danny Veeh, SANDAG; Yvonne Price, LA Metro)	REVIEW AND COMMENT
The Technical Advisory Committee continues to make incremental progress on the quick improvements implementation plan. The TAC reviewed a draft of the informational brochure for Los Angeles Union Station (Item #10 In the table) and requests the Board of Directors provide additional comments to Metro staff (copies will be provided at the meeting).	

ITEM #

**TAC
RECOMMENDATION**

- +8. **NOMINATIONS PROCESS FOR 2011 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (Art Brown, Chair)** **APPROVE**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the nominations process for selecting a Chair and Vice Chair for 2011, including the appointment of a Nominations Committee to oversee the process.

- +9. **STATE BUDGET UPDATE AND UPCOMING CORRIDOR PROJECT SUBMITTALS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS (Bill Bronte, Caltrans)** **SUPPORT**

Caltrans will provide an update on the current state budget progress and potential funding opportunities for the corridor. Caltrans and local partner agencies are currently finalizing rail project applications for submittal by the State on or before the August 6, 2010, deadline required by the Federal Railroad Administration.

- 10. **STATUS OF LOSSAN JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT AND BYLAWS (Linda Culp, SANDAG)** **INFORMATION**

Recent initiatives related to the Corridorwide Strategic Assessment necessitated changes to the agency's bylaws and joint exercise of powers agreement. The Board of Directors approved these changes at its January meeting and requested that each member agency also approve. Staff will provide an update on this progress at the meeting.

- 11. **LOSSAN LEGAL REPRESENTATION (Joe Kellejian, SANDAG)** **INFORMATION**

The Board of Directors requested that SANDAG review potential options for legal representation including in-house and contract services. SANDAG will provide an update at the meeting.

- 12. **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES** **INFORMATION**

- 13. **NEXT MEETING** **APPROVE**

The Chair recommends cancellation of the August 25, 2010, Board of Directors meeting. The next Board meeting will be Thursday, September 30, 2010, in San Luis Obispo beginning with a joint meeting with the Coast Rail Coordinating Council at 1:15 p.m., followed by the Board of Directors meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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JOINT POWERS BOARD

July 28, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **3**

ACTION REQUESTED: **APPROVE**

JUNE 23, 2010, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 3400600

The LOSSAN Joint Powers Board met on June 23, 2010. In attendance were:

Art Brown, OCTA 1 (Chair)

Jacki Bacharach, LA Metro 1 (Vice Chair)

Joe Kellejian, SANDAG

Julie Nygaard, NCTD Alternate

Karen Heit, LA Metro 2

Jerry Rindone, MTS

Fred Strong, SLOCOG

Martin Tuttle, Caltrans

Chris Orlando, NCTD

Salud Carbajal, SBCAG

Helene Schneider, SBCAG Alternate

Linda Culp, LOSSAN Staff

CHAIR'S REPORT

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Brown (OCTA).

PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session; there were no reportable items.

LOSSAN CORRIDORWIDE STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT MANAGER

Linda Culp (SANDAG) provided an overview of the project manager recruitment process. This was initiated in the interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that the Board of Directors approved last fall. Each LOSSAN member agency has since approved this MOU and it is currently being routed around for final signatures. The recruitment process began in January 2010 resulting in 13 interested candidates. A Steering Committee of member agency Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) was created to guide this process and provide input to the Board's Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that HNTB staff be hired to provide these services. Fred Strong (SLOCOG) made a motion to approve the Ad Hoc Committee

recommendation and authorize the Chair to negotiate before the July meeting. This was seconded by Chris Orlando (NCTD).

Voting: Yes: SLOCOG, SBCAG, LA Metro 1, LA Metro 2, OCTA 2, NCTD, SANDAG, Caltrans.

CONSENT ITEMS

The May 26, 2010, meeting minutes were approved and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and Caltrans LOSSAN Corridor Quick Improvements Implementation Plan was received upon consent.

Voting: Yes: SLOCOG, SBCAG, LA Metro 1, LA Metro 2, OCTA 2, NCTD, SANDAG, Caltrans.

POTENTIAL CORRIDOR PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL RAIL CAPITAL FUNDING

Martin Tuttle (Caltrans) gave an overview on the next round of federal stimulus funding, which is expected to be around \$2.4 billion. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be released soon from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) along with specific criteria for projects. The applications are expected to be due this summer and Caltrans has asked for a list of potential projects from local agencies. The only criterion that has been confirmed is that there will be a 20 percent non-federal match and a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental document.

Ms. Culp discussed the preliminary list of projects. This is not the final list, so any agencies that would like to add to the list are welcome to do so. Ms. Culp asked for the Board of Directors to approve the list and move forward in working with the member agencies and Caltrans. Jacki Bacharach (LA Metro) noted that LA Metro would like to add two projects to the list. The first project is to add a second platform at the Van Nuys station. The second project is for a double track section in Chatsworth. Ms. Bacharach motioned for these projects to be included and then moved to approve the list, and this was seconded. Mr. Tuttle announced that an FRA Webinar will be held in one week to discuss the details of the program if any members would like to attend.

Voting: Yes: SLOCOG, SBCAG, LA Metro 1, LA Metro 2, OCTA 2, NCTD, SANDAG, Caltrans.

STATE LEGISLATIVE/BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Tuttle gave a brief update on the status of the State Budget. Indications are that the state's intercity passenger rail program will be funded at current levels in comparison to other cuts that have been made to the budget.

PACIFIC SURFLINER UPDATE AND CORRIDOR TRENDS

Pat Merrill (Amtrak) discussed ridership for the Surfliner corridor stating that May was the fifth consecutive month showing an increase in ridership. Preliminary ridership data for the first three weeks of June are also high, and overall the California routes have increased in ridership. Revenue has continued to increase for six straight months for the Surfliner route producing a 7 percent increase from the same month last year. On-Time Performance (OTP) decreased in May, with the leading factors being the amount of track work that is going on including scheduled maintenance

as well as new construction. There have also been some mechanical failures plus a number of trespasser interference incidents on the tracks. The Customer Service Index (CSI) is at 90 percent, showing a correlation between OTP and CSI scores.

STATE SUPPORT FOR INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES

Mr. Merrill gave an overview of Section 209 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA), which deals with how operating costs are allocated and the requirement that states are now responsible for 100 percent of the operating costs for routes less than 750 miles. October 16, 2010, begins a three-year transition for states to pay this full operating subsidy. Amtrak has coordinated workshops with states and it was suggested that states facing budget deficits provide feedback stating that this will be a problem for them financially. Amtrak is concerned about the Pacific Surfliner as it currently funds 30 percent of the operating loss.

Chair Brown questioned why the North East Corridor (NEC) was excluded from Section 209. This was confirmed by Mr. Merrill as the NEC generates an operating profit; therefore, no subsidy is needed. However, the states that do have state-supported trains operating on a section of the NEC that falls under the 750-miles goal are not exempt and will have to pay their fair share.

NEXT GENERATION RAIL CAR SPECIFICATIONS

Leo Hoyt (Caltrans) briefed the Board on actions that have been taken to move towards a national standard specification for bi-level equipment. Following passage of Proposition 1B in 2006, Caltrans began development of the technical specifications. Three different consultant groups reviewed the specifications and provided technical comments. A Request for Information (RFI) went out to the Industry Builders asking for feedback. In addition, an extensive public comment period was held with over 1,000 people providing comments on the new specifications.

PRIIA also authorized the creation of the Section 305 Committee to create a pre-approved, national standard design for passenger rail cars. The Section 305 committee recently agreed to adopt the Caltrans specifications as the national standard for bi-level cars. All specifications must meet the national standard to receive federal funding. Mr. Hoyt explained that federal funds will require a 20 percent non-federal match. For California, this will require issuing Proposition 1B bonds to provide this match.

Because the comment deadline fell before the June Board of Directors meeting, the LOSSAN Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provided a number of comments to Caltrans. Mr. Hoyt noted that a response will be sent to the Board in writing.

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY (CHSRA) UPDATE

As requested at the June Board meeting, Valerie Martinez (CHSRA) showed a video on an overview of the high-speed rail system. (The video "Big Picture" can be viewed on the CHSRA Web site www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.) Following the video, Ms. Martinez stated that the CHSRA Board meeting is in Los Angeles at the Metro building in the Board Room on July 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. and committee meetings on July 7, 2010. The board agenda includes a preliminary Alternatives Analysis (AA) presentation on the Los Angeles to Palmdale section and a supplemental AA for the Los Angeles to Anaheim section. All members of LOSSAN are invited.

STATUS OF LOSSAN JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA) AND BYLAWS UPDATES

Ms. Culp provided the Board of Directors with an overview of the Joint Exercise Powers Agreement (JPA) and Bylaws that have been circulating through member agencies. Ms. Culp will continue to work with MTS staff to schedule the item on their Board agenda. SBCAG and OCTA approved this last month.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Joe Kellejian (SANDAG) provided a follow-up on SANDAG legal representation and discussed a meeting that occurred recently with SANDAG management. No determination was made from this meeting; however, a recommendation will be made after this issue has been discussed further with the SANDAG counsel. Ms. Bacharach suggested sending a letter out to all member agencies asking for assistance to perform various LOSSAN functions including legal. Fred Strong (SLOCOG) stated that small agencies such as SLOCOG may be unable to meet the required demands necessary to perform a particular function. However, a small function would create the possibility of SLOCOG being able to assist in some capacity.

Mr. Tuttle announced that the three pending nominations to the Amtrak Board of Directors were recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate, all of which are residents of the East Coast. There is one vacancy left, so Mr. Tuttle suggested that LOSSAN members urge California Senators to encourage the president to nominate a Californian. Mr. Kellejian then stated that his biography and resume, as well as Jerry Rindone's (MTS), was submitted for the position. Ms. Bacharach suggested pressuring Senator Boxer on this issue.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LOSSAN Board of Directors will be July 28, 2010.

STATUS OF FOLLOWUP ITEMS

<i>Item</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
LOSSAN Legal Representation	Scheduled for July	SANDAG
LOSSAN North Schedule Options	To Be Scheduled	Caltrans

Attachment: 1. LOSSAN Membership

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LOSSAN

(LOS ANGELES–SAN DIEGO–SAN LUIS OBISPO RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY)

MEMBERSHIP

This board is composed of current and former elected officials representing rail owners, operators, and planning agencies along Amtrak’s Pacific Surfliner corridor between San Diego and San Luis Obispo. LOSSAN is staffed by SANDAG. The objective of the agency is to coordinate planning and programs that increase ridership, revenue, reliability, and safety on the coastal rail line from San Luis Obispo to Los Angeles to San Diego.

The Los Angeles - San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency meets every quarter.

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MEMBERS

Chair: Arthur Brown
Orange County Transportation Authority

Vice Chair: Jacki Bacharach
Los Angeles County Metropolitan
Transportation Authority

Diane DuBois
Los Angeles County Metropolitan
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Fred Strong
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

Chris Orlando
North County Transit District

Richard Dixon
Orange County Transportation Authority

Jerry Rindone
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Keith Millhouse
Ventura County Transportation Commission

Salud Carbajal
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments

Bill Bronte
Caltrans, Division of Rail

Joe Kellejian
San Diego Association of Governments

ALTERNATES

Harry Mathis
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Brian Humphrey
Ventura County Transportation Commission

Helene Schneider
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments

Mary Anne Reiss / Jan Howell Marx
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

Jerome Stocks / Julianne Nygaard
North County Transit District

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JOINT POWERS BOARD

July 28, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **4**

Action Requested: APPROVE

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

File Number 3400600

Introduction

There are currently several transportation and/or rail-related bills in either the State Senate or Assembly (Attachment 1). The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed these bills and concurred with the staff recommendation to continue to monitor.

Since the TAC meeting on July 15, 2010, a bill has been amended that staff requests the Board of Directors consider supporting. AB 2703 (Perez) allows local and regional transportation agencies to receive a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) for Proposition 1A funds from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) relating to projects to be funded under the \$950 million allocated to eligible regional or local agencies. This bill will allow agencies to get permission from the CTC to spend local funds and be reimbursed later in the event that state bond funds aren't available when needed. Projects to be funded using these funds include Positive Train Control in the Moorpark to San Diego portion of the corridor. Local and regional agencies currently have this ability related to Proposition 1B, the \$19 billion transportation bond measure passed by voters in 2006.

2010 Legislative Calendar

August 2	Legislature reconvenes from summer recess
August 13	Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to the Floor
August 20	Last day to amend on the Floor
August 31	Last day for any bills to be passed
September 30	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills

Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to support AB 2703 and direct staff to continue to monitor other relevant state legislation at this time.

Attachment: 1. Transportation/Rail-Related State Legislation

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TRANSPORTATION/RAIL-RELATED STATE LEGISLATION			
Bill # / Author	Subject	Status	TAC Position
AB289/Galgiani	High-Speed Rail: Authorizes exempt positions and establishes priorities for spending state and federal funds relating to high-speed rail; states that it is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$230.5 million in Proposition 1A bond funds to the HSRA; Requires ARRA funds appropriated by the Legislature to be used for planning, preliminary engineering, project-level environmental work, mitigation, final design, and construction for San Francisco-San Jose, Merced-Fresno, Fresno-Bakersfield and Los Angeles-Anaheim corridors.	Last Action: 6/22/10 Current Location: Sen Approps Hearing 8/2/10	Monitor
AB1375/Galgiani	High-Speed Rail: Establishes Department of High-Speed Trains within Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency; Transfers certain of the existing powers and responsibilities of the Authority to the Department, and would specify additional powers and duties of the Authority and Department relative to implementation of the high-speed rail project; Authorizes Department to acquire right of way and other provisions.	Last Action: 6/24/10 Current Location: Sen Trans & Housing	Monitor
AB1747/Galgiani	High-Speed Rail: Authorizes the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) to consider, to the extent permitted by federal law and all other applicable provisions of state law, the creation of jobs in California when awarding major contracts, including, but not limited to, the purchasing of high-speed trains and related equipment and supplies.	Last Action: 6/3/10 Current Location: Asm Cmte on Rules	Monitor
AB1760/Blumenfeld	Design-Sequencing Contracts This bill authorizes the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to use the design-sequencing method of contracting until January 1, 2016. Design-sequencing is a method of contracting that enables the sequencing of design activities to permit each construction phase to commence when design for that phase is complete, instead of requiring design for the entire project to be completed before commencing construction, as is the case with the traditional design-bid-build method of contracting. Design-sequencing is different from design-build, the latter of which entails the contracting of both the design and construction to a single entity. With design-sequencing, Caltrans retains responsibility for design but is able to award a construction contract prior to completing the design for the entire project.	Last Action: 6/9/10 Current Location: Sen Approps Hearing 8/2/10	Monitor

TRANSPORTATION/RAIL-RELATED STATE LEGISLATION			
Bill # / Author	Subject	Status	TAC Position
AB2520/Solorio	Transportation: General Obligation Bonds: Enacts similar provisions to the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 applicable to regional and local agencies relative to projects to be funded by the Clean Air and Transportation improvement Act of 1990, letter of no prejudice.	Last Action: 3/18/10 Current Location: Asm Trans	Monitor
AB2121/Harkay	High-Speed Rail: Requires the California High-Speed Rail Authority to submit annually a six-year funding program and a project progress report to the appropriate policy and budget committees of the Legislature; Requires the Authority to annually prepare a report to appropriate Asm and Sen Committees including progress made on the program and a detailed financial plan to pay for construction.	Last Action: 6/10/10 Current Location: Sen Cmte on Rules	Monitor
AB2663/Lowenthal	Local Government: If the Legislature transfers, borrows, or suspends revenues allocated to a city or county that observes the federal fiscal year calendar, Assembly Bill 2663 suspends the transaction July, August, and September. AB 2663 requires, instead, that the transfer, borrowing, or suspension of revenues must commence on October 1 and be completed on or before June 30 of that same state fiscal year.	Last Action: 6/30/10 Current Location: Sen Approps Hearing 8/2/10	Monitor
AB2703/Perez	Transportation: bond-funded projects: letter of no prejudice: This bill would allow an eligible regional or local agency to apply to the California Transportation Commission for a letter of no prejudice (LONP) relating to projects to be funded under the \$950 million allocated to eligible regional or local agencies under the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century. The bill would authorize the commission to develop guidelines to implement these provisions. LONPs make that agency eligible to expend funds under its control for a project or project component that has been designated to receive bond funding and to be subsequently reimbursed from bond funds for that expenditure when bond funds become available.	Last Action: 7/15/10 Current Location: Sen Approps Hearing 8/2/10	SUPPORT

TRANSPORTATION/RAIL-RELATED STATE LEGISLATION			
Bill # / Author	Subject	Status	TAC Position
SB409/Ducheny	Passenger Rail Programs: Makes various changes regarding the governance and new report requirements of the California High-Speed Rail Authority. Requires the five members appointed to the Authority by the Governor be confirmed by the Senate. Requires Caltrans to prepare a five-year Strategic Rail Connectivity Plan (strategic plan). Requires the strategic plan to be developed in consultation with the Authority. Requires Caltrans to present the strategic plan for information at a meeting of the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Establishes a 45-day comment period. Requires Caltrans to prepare summary of objections and recommendations and its responses to them and to make it available to the public at least 15 days prior to a subsequent regular meeting of the CTC. Requires Authority to submit funding program to Legislature.	Last Action: 7/1/10 Current Location: Asm Second Reading	Monitor
SB455/Lowenthal	High-Speed Rail: Establishes certain eminent domain powers to the High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) and, among other provisions, establishes specified administrative and reporting responsibilities of HSRA. Requires the preparation of a project schedule that includes a detailed assessment of project delivery milestones and identification of issues that may affect the schedule.	Last Action: 7/9/10 Current Location: Asm Third Reading	
SB965/DSaulier	California High-Speed Rail Authority, Expenditure of Funds: Authorizes the California High-Speed Rail Authority to expend federal funds made available by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for high-speed rail purposes.	Last Action: 6/29/10 Current Location: Asm Approps	Monitor
SB1177/Kehoe	Agriculture: 22nd District Agricultural Association: greenway zone. This bill requires the 22nd District Agricultural Association (owners of the Del Mar Fairgrounds and Racetrack) (22nd DAA) to develop, manage and maintain a 100-foot-wide greenway zone (greenway) along the San Dieguito River and develop a public access trail for the greenway. Staff is watching this bill for its potential impacts on the proposed fairgrounds platform and San Dieguito Bridge Replacement and Double Track Project.	Last Action: 7/1/10 Current Location: Asm Natural Resources (failed)	Monitor

JOINT POWERS BOARD

July 28, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **5**

ACTION REQUESTED: **INFORMATION**

PACIFIC SURFLINER UPDATE

File Number 3400600

Introduction

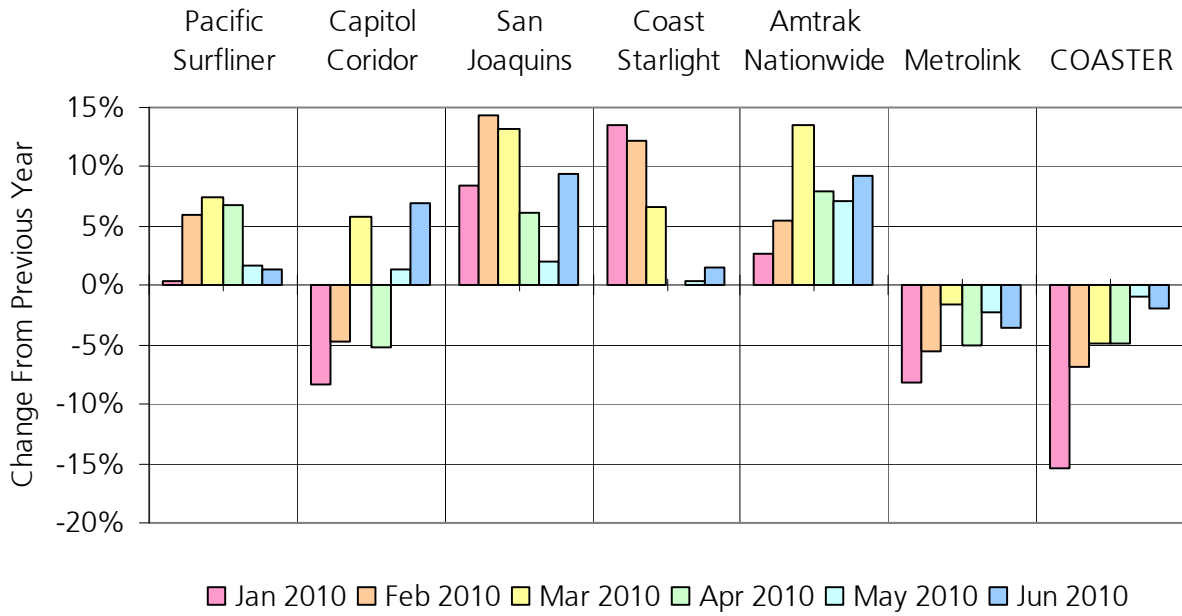
This report includes statistics that measure ridership, revenue, on-time performance (OTP), and the Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) for the passenger rail services on the LOSSAN Corridor, including the Pacific Surfliner, Coast Starlight, Metrolink, and COASTER. The Capitol Corridor, San Joaquins, and Amtrak overall figures are included for comparison purposes.

Ridership

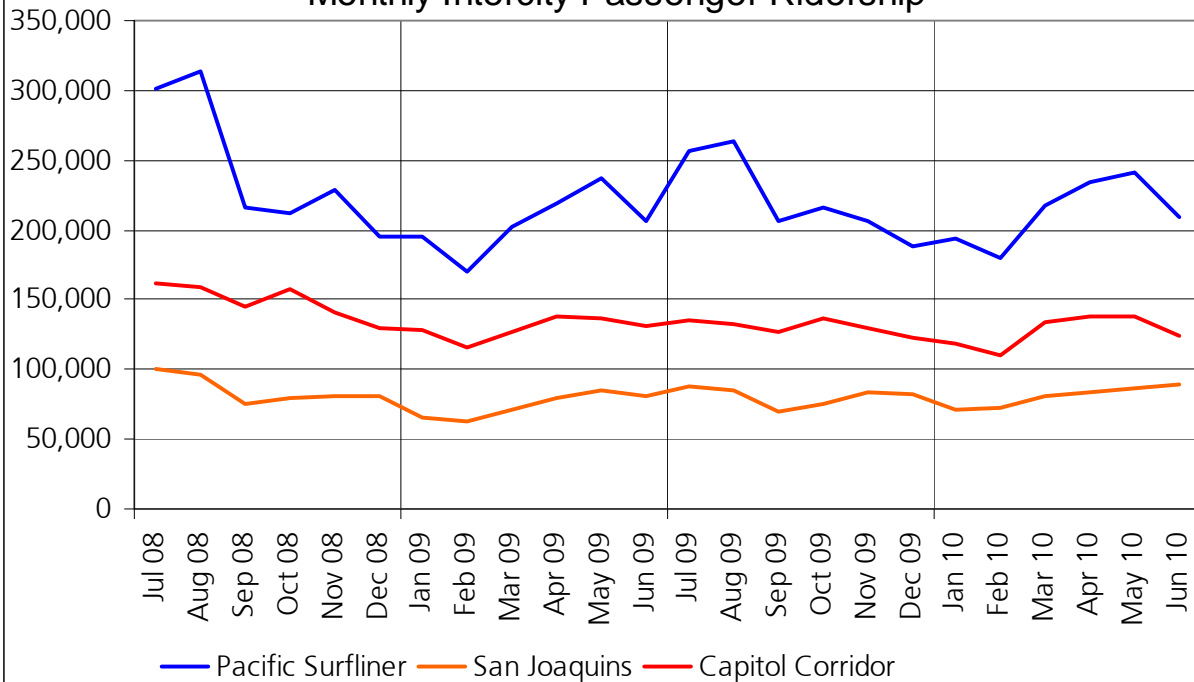
When compared to the previous year, the Pacific Surfliner experienced a positive increase in ridership for the last six consecutive months, including a slight increase of 1.4 percent in June 2010 compared to June 2009. After big ridership gains in early 2010, the Coast Starlight has had three consecutive months of modest gains. In fact, the Coast Starlight had positive gains in ridership for each month since August 2009. The Capital Corridor has experienced a decline in ridership from February 2009 through February 2010, but it appears that that trend is changing; three of the past four months show positive ridership gains, including a 7.0 percent increase in June 2010. The San Joaquins have experienced positive ridership growth each month since November, including a 9.4 percent increase in June. Systemwide, Amtrak ridership has increased steadily over the same time period with a 9.3 percent increase in June 2010.

For the commuter rail services on the LOSSAN corridor, both Metrolink and COASTER have lost ridership compared each month for more than a year. However, there are signs that the negative trends will reverse. Looking at July 2009 through December 2009, Metrolink averaged a loss of -13.2 percent and COASTER averaged a loss of -21.9 percent. Over the past six months from January 2010 through June 2010, the average loss has been -4.4 percent and -5.8 percent, respectively. Although ridership is still decreasing, the trends show that the decrease is leveling out.

Change In Passenger Ridership

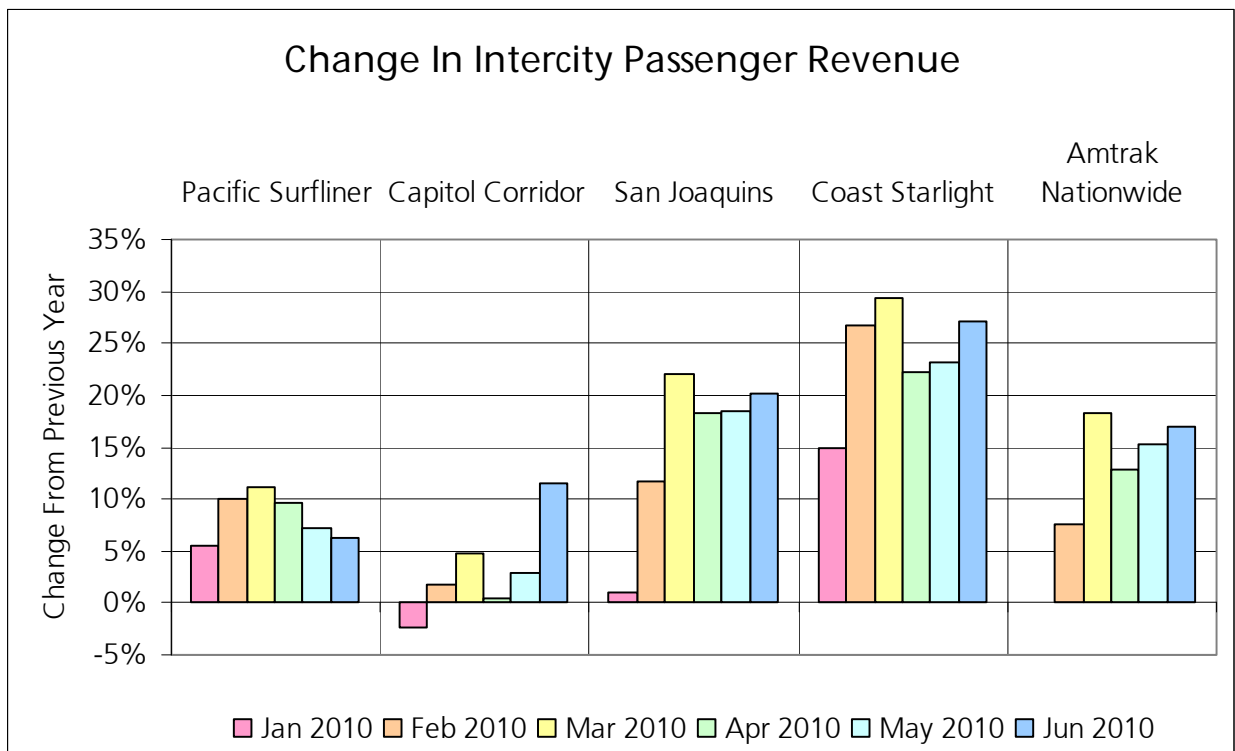


Monthly Intercity Passenger Ridership



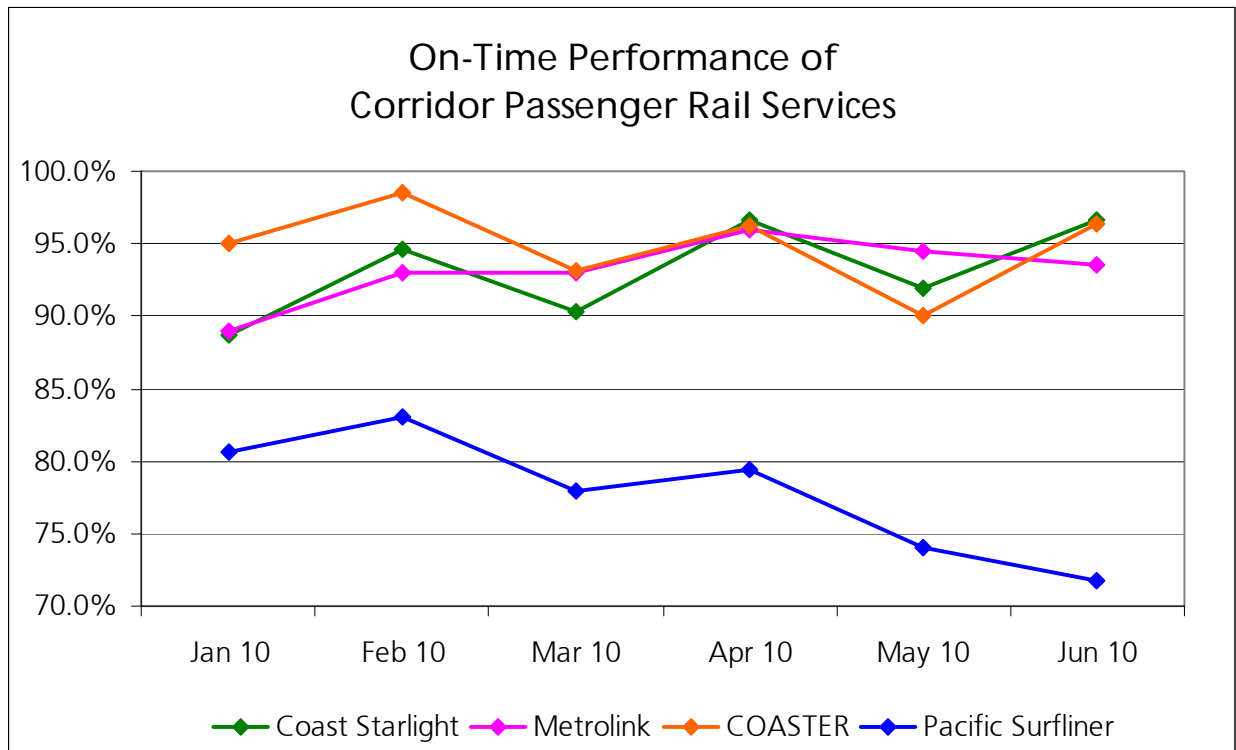
Revenue

The Pacific Surfliner has now had seven straight months of positive increase in revenue, including an increase of 6.3 percent in June compared to the same month in 2009. As expected with increased ridership, revenue on the Capitol Corridor has increased over the past five months with an 11.5 percent increase in June compared to June 2009. The San Joaquins continue the strong growth in revenue averaging an increase of nearly 20 percent each of the last four months. The Coast Starlight continued to gain the most substantial positive increase in revenue with five consecutive months over 20 percent. Systemwide, Amtrak continued to have solid growth in revenue with 17.0 percent in June 2010 compared to June 2009.



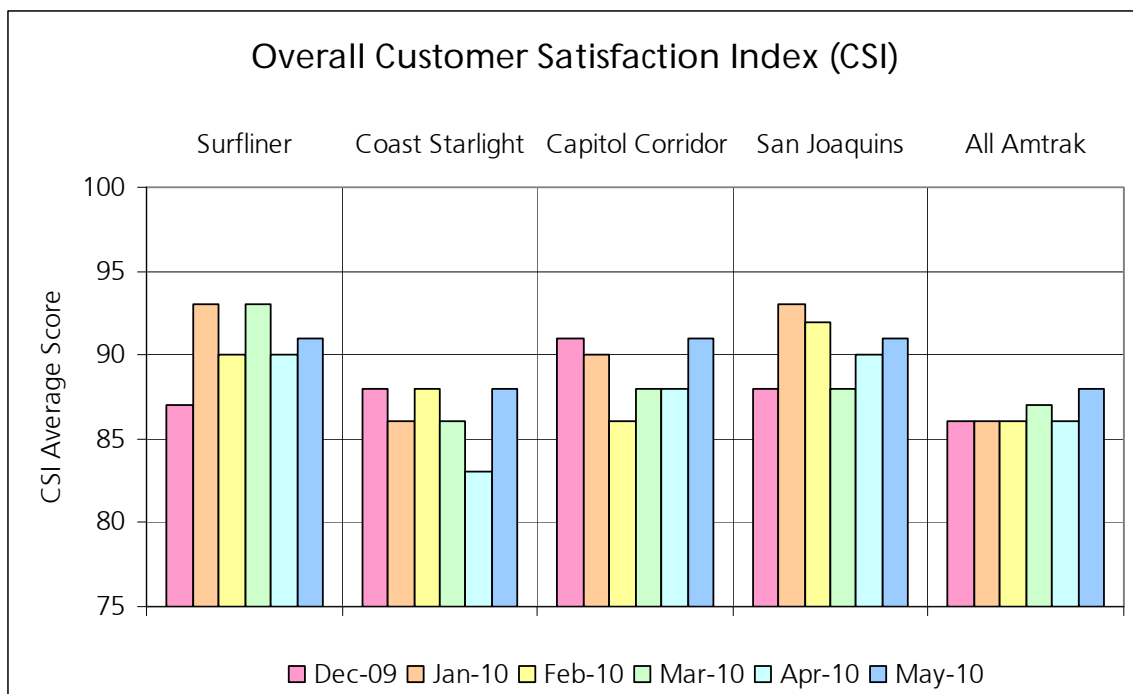
OTP

The Pacific Surfliner experienced an OTP of 71.7 percent in June. The downturn in OTP can be partly contributed to the ongoing construction in Orange County related to the Metrolink Service Expansion Program. In June 2010, the Coast Starlight achieved the highest OTP of all Amtrak routes with 96.7 percent. In fact, the Coast Starlight is Amtrak's best performing long-distance train in FY 2010. The COASTER achieved an OTP of 96.4 percent and Metrolink achieved an OTP of 93.6 percent in June 2010.



CSI

The Pacific Surfliner has achieved some of the highest CSI ratings on the Amtrak system with an overall CSI average score of 91 for May 2010. The Coast Starlight average CSI is matched with the systemwide Amtrak total of 88. The Capitol Corridor and San Joaquins have maintained high CSI levels consistently for the last six months, averaging 89 and 90 percent, respectively, and the Amtrak overall system has remained steady, not dropping below 86 percent. All of the state-supported California routes have maintained a CSI higher than the Amtrak average. Attachment 1 is the Pacific Surfliner CSI summary sheet for May 2010. (The June CSI will not be available until the August meeting.)



Attachment: 1. Pacific Surfliner FY 10 Customer Satisfaction Scores (with change vs. year ago)

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Pacific Surfliner FY10 Customer Satisfaction Scores (with change vs year ago)

FY10 Goal*: 89%
FY09 Year-End Score*: 87%

	May 2010						3 Month Average						Fiscal Year to Date					
	% Very Satisfied (80, 90, 100)		% Very Dissatisfied (0, 10, 20)		Average Score		% Very Satisfied (80, 90, 100)		% Very Dissatisfied (0, 10, 20)		Average Score		% Very Satisfied (80, 90, 100)		% Very Dissatisfied (0, 10, 20)		Average Score	
	CSI	Chg.	CSI	Chg.	CSI	Chg.	CSI	Chg.	CSI	Chg.	CSI	Chg.	CSI	Chg.	CSI	Chg.	CSI	Chg.
Overall CSI	91%	+1	0%	-2	91	0	90%	+3	1%	-1	91	+1	88%	+2	1%	-1	90	+1
Value of Amtrak Service for Price Paid	87%	-2	2%	0	89	-1	87%	+1	1%	-1	89	0	85%	0	1%	-1	88	0
Trip Info Prior to Boarding Train	92%	+2	3%	0	93	+2	91%	-1	3%	0	92	0	90%	0	3%	+1	91	0
Comfort of Seat	80%	-7	1%	0	86	-4	84%	0	1%	0	88	0	82%	-2	1%	-1	87	-1
Smooth/Comfortable Ride	85%	-4	0%	-1	89	-2	87%	-1	1%	-1	90	+1	86%	-1	1%	-1	89	0
Air Temperature	85%	-2	1%	-2	87	-2	88%	+1	1%	-2	89	+1	85%	0	1%	-1	88	0
Overall Cleanliness of Train	77%	-4	0%	-3	86	0	80%	+3	0%	-3	87	+4	78%	0	1%	-1	85	+1
Cleanliness of Train Windows	54%	-3	11%	+5	68	-6	60%	+3	8%	-4	73	+3	58%	+3	9%	-1	72	+2
Restroom Cleanliness	65%	-9	5%	+1	76	-7	67%	-4	3%	-4	78	-1	62%	-7	5%	0	75	-3
Restroom Odor	61%	-16	5%	+1	74	-9	64%	-6	6%	-1	76	-3	60%	-9	8%	+2	73	-5
Info Given on Services/Safety	73%	-9	4%	0	82	-5	75%	-5	3%	-1	83	-3	73%	-3	4%	0	81	-3
Info Given on Problems/Delays	76%	-12	3%	-2	85	-4	81%	-7	2%	-2	87	-1	79%	-4	4%	-1	85	-1
Clarity of Announcements	68%	-6	2%	0	81	-3	73%	-3	4%	0	82	-1	71%	-2	4%	-1	81	0
On-Time Performance	83%	-12	2%	0	87	-5	85%	-6	2%	-1	88	-2	81%	-4	5%	0	85	-2
Friend./Helpful. of Train Conductors	77%	-7	0%	-3	87	-1	84%	-1	1%	-1	90	+2	83%	0	2%	-1	88	+1
Availability of Food in Café Car	66%	-6	0%	-8	80	+1	65%	-8	3%	-3	79	-2	65%	-8	3%	-2	80	-2
Friend./Helpful. of Café Car Personnel	89%	+5	0%	-5	89	+4	87%	+5	0%	-4	90	+4	84%	+1	3%	-1	88	+2
Quality/Freshness of Food in Café Car	79%	+12	0%	-7	85	+7	77%	+9	1%	-5	84	+6	69%	0	3%	-2	81	+2
Variety of Food Items in Café Car	54%	-5	0%	-9	75	+4	56%	0	3%	-6	74	+2	54%	-3	7%	-2	71	-2
Overall Experience in Café Car	80%		0%		85		77%		2%		83		71%		3%		81	
Number of Responses in Current Period	121						381						988					
Number of Responses Year Ago	117						352						944					

* Overall CSI score, % very satisfied

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July 28, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **7**

ACTION REQUESTED: **REVIEW AND COMMENT**

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA)
AND CALTRANS LOSSAN CORRIDOR QUICK IMPROVEMENTS
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

File Number 3400600

The OCTA, in partnership with Caltrans Division of Rail, contracted with Wilbur Smith Associates to conduct a study to explore opportunities to improve rail service and develop near-term improvements as the first step toward a comprehensive, integrated rail passenger network within the LOSSAN rail corridor. The OCTA board of directors finalized the study in July 2008.

The LOSSAN Corridor Quick Improvements Study final report lists 21 concepts for near-term improvements that can be implemented fairly quickly at minimal cost. The LOSSAN TAC categorized these recommendations based on three main criteria: (1) level needed for action, (2) level of funding, and (3) relative timeframe (Table 1). LOSSAN Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members have volunteered to coordinate work on one or more of these improvements. Table 1 also shows progress notes to date.

At the June 15, 2010, LOSSAN TAC meeting, Metro staff presented a draft Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) map and brochure in relation to quick improvement #10. Metro is revising these materials based on the LOSSAN TAC comments and they will distribute a revised draft map and brochure at the meeting. Metro requests that the Board of Directors provide additional comments.

Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to review the LAUS brochure and provide additional comments to Metro staff.

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Table 1
Quick Improvement Recommendations and Status

Last Updated July 21, 2010

Report No.	Improvement	Required Level			Relative Cost			Relative Timetable			TAC Agency
		Staff	Agency Board	Special Task Force	Low	Med	Hi	Short	Mid	Long	
Customer Information											
1	Consolidated LOSSAN Corridor Timetable	X			X			X			SANDAG
	<p><i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Need to discuss maintenance issues. 10/08: SANDAG did not receive funds for a grant application submitted to Caltrans or potential funds for the research tasks from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Transit Cooperative Research Program. 12/08: A placeholder was included in the SANDAG Economic Stimulus list for implementation of this and other corridor quick improvements. 08/09: NCTD, with assistance from SANDAG, is developing a work plan for this item, including a possible electronic version, by January 2010.</p>										
1	Online Trip Planner	X			X			X			OCTA
	<p><i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Assess Google Transit Capabilities for corridor (Orange County Transportation Authority [OCTA]), bus services already available; Metrolink is investigating; SANDAG to check relative to Regional 511 System. Need to discuss maintenance issues/updates; need to develop budget. 10/08: OCTA provided status report at TAC meeting. 08/09: NCTD is in final testing with Google Transit. 10/09: NCTD schedules and routes are now available on Google Transit trip planning Web site. Currently MTS, NCTD, OCTA, Metro, Metrolink, SLO Transit, and Amtrak Pacific Surfliner (Santa Barbara to San Diego) are now available on Google Transit allowing intercity and interagency trip planning. 4/10: All of the California Intercity Passenger Rail Corridors are now on Google Transit online trip planning service. Caltrans and Amtrak are working on adding the Amtrak Thruway Motorcoach Service to Google Transit.</p>										
5	Electronic Passenger Information System (EPIS)	X				X			X		TAC
	<p><i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Since May, staff has conducted monthly conference calls (LOSSAN, Metrolink, Amtrak, Caltrans, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments [SLOCOG]) to discuss implementation and integration issues. Need to check implementation at COASTER stations. 01/09: Staff continues to coordinate, Amtrak currently investigating TWITTER text messaging for Amtrak train status; potential for state funds for integration work at joint stations to be on hold. 04/09: Staff will schedule a follow-up meeting for this group in May. 07/09: Amtrak announced that the next generation of PIDS signs (4 line signs) will be delivered in October with installation at all stations by the end of the year. 10/09: Amtrak launched the Pacific Surfliner Twitter service, which provides train status updates via mobile phone text messages to people who sign up for the free service. Amtrak and Caltrans are looking into marketing the Twitter service. 3/10: Amtrak will be installing new 4-line PIDS signs at non-Metrolink stations in March and April. 4/10: Amtrak installed 4-line PIDS signs at all non-Metrolink Surfliner stations with the exception of Santa Barbara. Amtrak is working with the city of Santa Barbara to install the signs and the installation is expected in the next few weeks. All of the shared Metrolink/Surfliner Stations will be upgrading to the new Metrolink PIDS signs that are anticipated to be installed within 8-12 months. 6/10: All 4-line PIDS signs at all non-Metrolink Surfliner stations have been installed and are operational.</p>										

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		Staff	Agency Board	Special Task Force	Low	Med	Hi	Short	Mid	Long	
6	Amtrak Distribution of Metrolink Information at Joint Stations	X			X			X			Amtrak
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Formal arrangement between operators/agencies needed in order to provide integrated information. Further discussion needed in terms of level of info and maintenance.											
7	On-Train Information	X			X			X			Amtrak
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Need to define what level of information is needed and how frequent to provide. 12/08: SLOCOG has contacted Capitol Corridor, whose research has raised questions regarding technical details and whether or not advertising as a revenue source is workable. Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) also investigating onboard Wi-Fi and we will follow that effort for the Surfliners. 12/09: Wi-Fi Internet access is being installed on all Surfliner trains in the business class cars. Installation is anticipated to be completed by February 2010. 01/10: By the end of February, flat panel displays will be installed on board that will show news feeds, movies, and possibly advertisements. 02/10: Most Surfliner trains installed with Wi-Fi in business class; Monitor installation will be complete in late spring. 03/10: Amtrak is working out a technical issues with the on-board Wi-Fi 05/10: Amtrak is improving the on-board Wi-Fi by installing exterior antennas and reengineered the software to automatically reset if there is a problem. 06/10: Exterior antennas have been installed on the Surfliner Business Class Cars that improve reliability of the on-board Wi-Fi. 06/10: Amtrak is installing new point of sale equipment on the Surfliner Café Cars that will improve the food and beverage concessions service.											
8	Orange County Station Signage	X			X			X			OCTA/ Caltrans
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Additional signage has been installed showing which track to use, other information. 01/09: OCTA is proposing one integrated rail services sign for stations. 04/09: OCTA completed pilot program and is currently working with partner agencies to finalize. 08/09: OCTA continues to work with OC station cities to finalize and plans on moving forward with production (OCTA) and installation (City) in October/November. 11/09: OCTA has agreements with OC station cities and is now in the approval process with Caltrans Headquarters. 02/10: Designs have been approved and signs are being fabricated; Installation will be in 8 of 10 corridor cities. 03/10: The signs will be delivered on March 22 nd . Cities will have 90 days to install. 04/10: Orange County station cities have started to install signs.											
9	San Diego County Station Signage	X		X (OTC)	X			X			SANDAG/NCTD/ Caltrans
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Staff level can discuss merits of static versus real-time message sign (considered to be a short-term improvement before EPIS). Discuss combining trailblazing program ("train" signs approaching station instead of individual Metrolink, Amtrak.) Oceanside Transit Center (OTC) may warrant special task force. 01/09: OCTA recommendations on signs may be applicable. Staff will coordinate.											

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		Staff	Agency Board	Special Task Force	Low	Med	Hi	Short	Mid	Long	
10	Central Information Booth at Los Angeles Union Station	X			X			X			Metro
<p><i>Progress Notes:</i></p> <p>08/08: Assess possibility of providing same information at each of the three locations, not just at a central booth. Need formal information sharing agreement at each location.</p> <p>12/08: Metro and Amtrak staff conducted walk-thru at station.</p> <p>04/09: Metro staff is heading up a group of TAC members and rail advocates to review this item. One suggestion this group will discuss is the possibility of an informational brochure on all rail services at Union Station and where to find detailed information.</p> <p>06/09: Metro marketing staff is currently developing a draft informational brochure, which should be available for LOSSAN review early this fall.</p> <p>10/09: Metro marketing staff is anticipating the release of the information brochure in spring 2010.</p> <p>02/10: Information brochure is under design and should be available for review in next two months.</p> <p>05/10: The information brochure is delayed due to new vendors that are coming to Union Station in the summer. In addition to the brochure, enhanced station signage will also be installed.</p> <p>07/10: Metro marketing staff has developed a Draft Union Station brochure and map and are seeking comments from the LOSSAN TAC and BOD before they are made available to the public.</p>											
17	Freeway Changeable Message Signs Used to Promote Train Travel	X			X			X			Caltrans
<p><i>Progress Notes:</i></p> <p>08/08: Check how this is working in the Bay Area.</p> <p>11/08: Rail staff inquired with Caltrans operations and needs some additional details from the TAC in terms of the type of messages, etc., before proceeding.</p> <p>01/09: Division of Rail (DOR) staff will contact Caltrans District 4 to review the specific information that is posted and report back.</p> <p>04/09: DOR staff has provided District 4 contact to LOSSAN staff for follow-up. Both SANDAG and OCTA staff will discuss as a pilot program with Districts 11 and 12.</p> <p>06/10: SANDAG has identified freeway message signs on the I-5 corridor that provide opportunities for displaying train information. SANDAG is working with District 11 and OCTA is working with District 12 on proposals that will be submitted to Caltrans Headquarters for approval.</p>											
19	511 Information	X			X			X			Metro/SANDAG
<p><i>Progress Notes:</i></p> <p>08/08: Investigate Google Trip Planner (same as no. 1 above).</p> <p>01/09: Metro staff to provide update at next LOSSAN Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting.</p> <p>04/09: Metro staff provided an overview of the 511 system for the Los Angeles area, to include rail information. The system is expected to launch in mid-2009.</p> <p>04/09: LOSSAN Board of Directors requested a future presentation on 511 for other areas of the corridor.</p> <p>12/09: Metro launched 511 as a Beta System 11/23/09. The public launch will take place in early 2010.</p> <p>03/10: Metro will launch the full-scale 511 system in summer 2010.</p> <p>05/10: OCTA and Caltrans District 12 are conducting an inventory of signage for 636-RIDE and 1-800-COMMUTE and will replace with 511 signs.</p> <p>07/10: Metro's 511 system went online in June. The website has information and links to all Los Angeles County transportation options including Metrolink and Amtrak. The website address is http://go511.com/default.aspx.</p> <p>07/10: OCTA and Caltrans District 12 expect the inventory of signage will be complete by the end of July. All of the signs will be replaced with 511 signage.</p>											
Rail Operations:											
2	Rail Connections		X			X			X		SA
<p><i>Progress Notes:</i></p> <p>08/08: Review in Strategic Assessment, including market research (current and future markets). Access relative to Rail2Rail program.</p>											

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4	Additional Orange County Midday Service		X				X		X	X	SA
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Consider an exercise with a "blank canvas" rail corridor - how would services be designed from scratch? 12/08: SA will develop a service vision for review by the TAC and Board of Directors.											
12	Mutual Aid Agreement		X		X			X			Tbd
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Need to identify components of a formal agreement (currently, the only formal agreement is between the North County Transit District [NCTD] and Southern California Regional Rail Authority [SCRRA]); consider including in Rail2Rail agreement.											
20	Minimize Dwell Times	X				X			X		Amtrak
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Amtrak currently is assessing recovering times. Another solution might be to continue the station ambassador program to assist passengers and an informational campaign regarding how to handle baggage.											

Connecting Transit/Ticketing

3	Joint Ticketing		X				X		X		Tbd
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Additional technical details and costing should be analyzed. 11/09: Joint ticketing and electronic fare collection have been identified as an action item in the SA. SANDAG, Metro, and VCTC have committed to Cubic contactless smart card technology. Amtrak will be using a different system. 02/10: Amtrak will be implementing a new E-ticketing technology that will bring airline style ticketing to intercity rail travel. It has not been determined how Amtrak E-ticketing will address Rail2Rail passengers.											
11	Impact of Schedule Changes on Local Transit	X			X				X		SANDAG
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Rail infrastructure drives headways; bus schedules are timed. Consider a further analysis of bus-rail connections in the corridor.											
14	Free Transfers		X				X		X		Tbd
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Need further analysis on budget impacts. 08/09: Amtrak has concluded it cannot accept the liability of honoring non-Amtrak tickets.											
15	Better Airport Connections	X				X		X	X		SANDAG
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 07/08: The City of Irvine is working with LAWA to implement a LAX Flyaway service at the Irvine Transportation Center. 08/08: Use San Diego work as potential pilot for a larger application. 10/09: The City of Irvine and LAWA will begin LAX Flyaway service from Irvine Station on November 16, 2009. One-way fares will be \$25 with six trips in each direction per day. 12/09: SANDAG is working on advanced planning for an intermodal transit center at San Diego International Airport. 05/10: SANDAG is planning an intermodal transit center at Lindbergh Field. Possible improvements include a pedestrian bridge connecting the rail lines to the airport facility, grade separations, parking, and a high-speed rail station. The plan is will be complete by November 2010.											
16	Amtrak Bus and Metrolink Coordination	X									Amtrak/Caltrans
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Caltrans and Amtrak will discuss this further.											

Report No.	Improvement	Required Level			Relative Cost			Relative Timetable			TAC Agency
		Staff	Agency Board	Special Task Force	Low	Med	Hi	Short	Mid	Long	
13	Joint Marketing	X			X			X			Amtrak
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: TAC recommends regular quarterly meetings between corridor agencies marketing staff. 10/08: Amtrak does not have staff support for additional quarterly meetings at this time. 04/09: LOSSAN staff will manage this project and contact Amtrak marketing staff and other regarding an initial conference call.											
18	Wi-Fi at Stations	X			X			X			SLOCOG
<i>Progress Notes:</i> 08/08: Assess one system between operators. 01/09: Review completed. 04/09: In March, SBCAG began providing free Wi-Fi at regional transit centers including the Santa Barbara rail station.											

SA = LOSSAN Corridorwide Strategic Assessment.

Tbd = To be determined/longer term strategy needed.

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AGENDA ITEM NO.: **8**

Action Requested: APPROVE

NOMINATIONS PROCESS FOR 2011 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

File Number 3400600

Introduction

The agency bylaws state:

Election of Officers - The Agency at its first meeting and at its first quarterly meeting every year thereafter, and at such other times as there may be a vacancy in either office, elect a Chair who shall preside at meetings and a Vice Chair who shall preside in the Chair's absence.

The Chair requests the Board of Directors begin the process for selecting officers for 2011.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to approve the following process for selecting the 2011 Chair and Vice Chair:

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| August | Board members interested in serving as Chair or Vice Chair complete a brief statement of interest available from staff upon request. |
| September | Chair appoints a Nominations Committee from those members who have not submitted their statement of interest. |
| October | Nominations Committee presents nominations to the Board of Directors. |

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AGENDA ITEM NO.: **9**

Action Requested: SUPPORT

STATE BUDGET UPDATE AND UPCOMING CORRIDOR PROJECT
SUBMITTALS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS

File Number 3400600

Federal Rail Capital Project Grants

On June 28, 2010, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced the availability of approximately \$2.4 billion in FY 2010 capital funds nationwide for high-speed and intercity passenger rail (HSIPR) projects. Specific guidelines include the requirement of a 20 percent non-federal match and a federal program-level environmental document. The Board of Directors reviewed a preliminary list of candidate projects at its June 23, 2010, meeting. Caltrans and regional partner agencies have since developed a more refined list of projects requiring either Preliminary Engineering (PE)/Project-level Environmental or Final Design/Construction funds (Attachment 1). In broad terms, projects eligible for construction funds are capacity expansion (i.e., double or triple tracking) in San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties and Positive Train Control. Several projects in San Diego, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara Counties are under consideration for PE/Environmental funds.

The California High-Speed Rail Authority also is preparing projects for submittal under the same program and the Authority's Executive/Administrative Committee is scheduled to meet on July 30, 2010, to discuss projects. The Governor's office is coordinating the state's submittal for both intercity and high-speed rail projects.

TIGER II

In late April, the U.S. DOT announced the availability of \$600 million for the second round of National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER II). Pre-applications are due by July 26, 2010, with final applications due by August 23, 2010. Grant requests are competitive, can be between \$10 million and \$200 million, and can be for up to 80 percent of total project costs. Caltrans plans to submit an application for a statewide Positive Train Control program and SANDAG/NCTD plan to submit a capital grant application for railway bridge replacement in Los Penasquitos Lagoon just south of Del Mar and a planning grant application for a rail station at PETCO Park/San Diego Convention Center.

Recommendation

This Board of Directors is asked to support the refined list of candidate projects and to contact the Governor's staff to convey this support before the August 6, 2010, submittal deadline.

Discussion

Amtrak Board Appointment

There remains one vacancy on the Amtrak Board of Directors and currently no Board member is from the western U.S. LOSSAN and our intercity rail corridor partners have made various attempts to secure a nomination from California and one of our rail corridor boards in particular. On July 7, 2010, members from the California delegation sent a joint letter to President Obama asking that this vacancy be filled by a Californian (Attachment 2).

Attachments: 1. Pacific Surfliner Corridor Intercity Project List for FY 2010 HSIPR Funding
2. Joint California Delegation Letter on Amtrak Board Appointment

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Pacific Surfliner Corridor Projects for
HSIPR **Final Design/Construction** Funding Consideration

Local Agency	Project Description	Project Cost	Federal \$ Amount Requested	Match Source	Match Amount	Project Start Date
Application 1 - CA-PAC SURF-Capacity Enhancement						
Caltrans	LA to Fullerton TripleTrack Segment 8	\$12,000,000	\$9,600,000	State	\$2,400,000	Sep-10
OCTA	Orange County Third Main Track (12 miles)	\$75,000,000	\$60,000,000	Local	\$15,000,000	Jul-11
OCTA	Orange County - Laguna Niguel Double Track	\$48,000,000	\$38,400,000	Local	\$9,600,000	Jan-11
OCTA	Orange County Signal and Wayside Detector Upgrade and Respace	\$4,500,000	\$3,600,000	Local	\$900,000	Jan-11
OCTA	Orange County Crossovers - 2 new crossovers/control points	\$7,700,000	\$6,160,000	Local	\$1,540,000	Nov-10
SANDAG	Poinsettia Run-Through Third Track	\$13,000,000	\$10,400,000	Local	\$2,600,000	May-12
SANDAG	San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track	\$78,000,000	\$48,000,000	State	\$30,000,000	Feb-11
SANDAG	Oceanside Station Stub Track Project 2	\$13,400,000	\$10,700,000	Local	\$2,680,000	Sep-11
SANDAG	Sorrento Valley Double Track	\$35,800,000	\$28,640,000	Local	\$7,160,000	Apr-12
SANDAG	Sorrento to Miramar Phase I Double Track (Const Only)	\$32,000,000	\$8,300,000	STIP/Local/ TCIF	\$23,700,000	Aug-11
<i>Total For Application 1</i>		<i>\$319,400,000</i>	<i>\$223,800,000</i>			
Application 2, CA-PAC SURF-PTC						
SCRRA	Positive Train Control Moorpark to San Diego	\$53,571,429	\$30,000,000	State	\$23,571,429	Sep-10
<i>Total For Application 2</i>			<i>\$30,000,000</i>			

Pacific Surfliner Corridor Projects for
HSIPR **Preliminary Engineering/NEPA** Funding Consideration

Local Agency	Project Description	Project Cost	Federal \$ Amount Requested	Match Source	Match Amount	Project Start Date
PE/NEPA						
MTA	CA-PAC SURF CP-Raymer/Bernson	\$1,955,000	\$1,564,000	Local	\$391,000	Oct-10
MTA	CA-PAC SURF-Van Nuys 2nd Platform	\$980,907	\$800,000	Local	\$180,907	Oct-10
SANDAG	CA-PAC SURF-San Dieguito Br, Del Mar Platform	\$9,550,000	\$7,000,000	STIP/Local	\$2,550,000	Oct-10
SANDAG	CA-PAC SURF-PSR's (For long term service expansion)	\$600,000	\$400,000	STIP/Local	\$200,000	Oct-10
SANDAG	CA-PAC SURF CP Eastbrook to CP Shell	\$7,000,000	\$4,000,000	Local	\$3,000,000	Oct-10
SANDAG	CA-PAC SURF CP Elvira to CP Morena Double Track	\$13,000,000	\$10,000,000	Local	\$3,000,000	Oct-10
SANDAG	CA-PAC SURF-Sorr/Miramar Double Track Phase 2	\$8,400,000	\$4,000,000	STIP	\$4,400,000	Oct-10
SBCAG	CA-PAC SURF-Sea Cliff Siding	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000	Local	\$250,000	Dec-10
<i>Total For PE/NEPA</i>		<i>\$42,735,907</i>	<i>\$28,764,000</i>			
FD/Construction						
MTA	CA-PAC SURF-LAUS Right of Way	\$83,500,000	\$66,800,000	Local	\$16,700,000	Oct-10
<i>Total For FD/Construction</i>		<i>\$66,800,000</i>				

CP = Control Point.
PSR = Project Study Report
List as of July 21, 2010.

Congress of the United States

Attachment 2

Washington, DC 20515

July 7, 2010

President Barack H. Obama
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

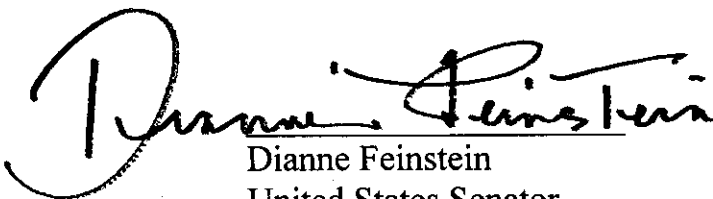
We write you today to urge you to consider a qualified individual from California with a clear understanding of the unique California Amtrak system as you make nominations for the remaining vacancy to the Amtrak Board of Directors. Currently, no states west of Texas are represented on the board.

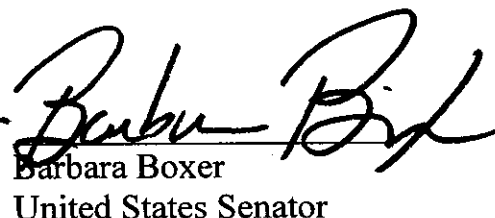
The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 states that the President shall "try to provide adequate and balanced representation of the major geographic regions of the United States served by Amtrak" when nominating members to the board. As it stands, no such balanced representation exists. The lack of geographical diversity on the board is contrary to Amtrak's authorizing language.

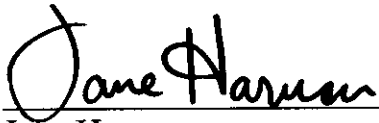
California has the highest Amtrak usage of any state in the country. In 2009, one in five of Amtrak's 27 million passengers rode in California. Three of the top six most traveled routes in Amtrak's system are in our state. In addition, California's Amtrak system has a unique and highly successful partnership with the State, and California is likely to be the first to integrate the needs of high speed rail and Amtrak. We believe that with seven voting members appointed by the President, at least one individual with expertise and experience in California's passenger rail system is warranted.

The role of passenger rail is as vital to the West as it is historic. We urge you to consider Amtrak's significant presence in California by nominating a qualified Californian to the Board of Directors. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

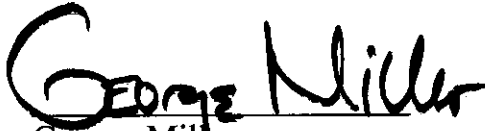

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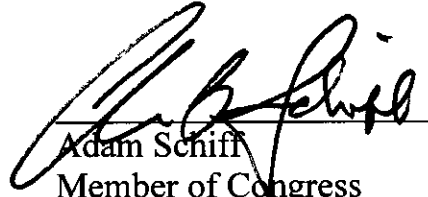
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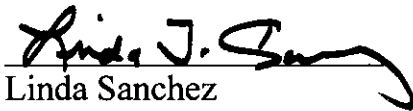
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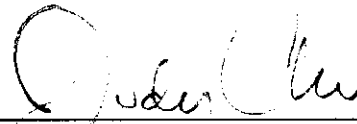
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