



Pacific Surfliner Update

California Transportation Commission
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What is LOSSAN?



- **Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor**
 - 351-mile rail corridor through six counties
 - Home of busiest state-supported Amtrak route in U.S. with annual Pacific Surfliner ridership of nearly 3 million

– AND –

- **LOSSAN Agency**
 - 11-member Board of Directors
 - Manage and administer Pacific Surfliner service under Interagency Transfer Agreement with state
 - Managing agency: Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
 - Negotiate annual operating contract with Amtrak

LOSSAN Rail Corridor Overview



- 41 stations (10 commuter only)
- 3 passenger rail operators; 2 freight operators
- 7 right-of-way owners (55% freight owned)
- 8 million annual trips (5.1m commuter/ 3m Surfliner)
- Over 220 daily trains (freight + passenger)

Accomplishments Under Local Management

Implemented 12th roundtrip (first service increase in 14 years)

Expanded business class seating resulting in a 20 percent increase in business class revenue

Revamped café car menu and increased revenue by 15.1 percent in FY 2016-17



Passenger miles increased by nearly 3 percent to more than 256 million for FY 2016-17

Initiated train status alerts on Twitter (3,000 alerts to date)

Led joint schedule coordination meetings with all rail operators

Initiated transit transfer program with 12 local transit agencies

Successfully applied for and received two Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grants, totaling \$83+ million

Increased farebox recovery to 80 percent in FY 2016-17 a 7.4 percent increase over the prior year



Increased ridership by 2.8 percent and total revenue by 4.9 percent in FY 2016-17

Challenges and Opportunities

- **Heavily utilized, but constrained rail corridor**

- 80 percent of corridor north of Los Angeles is single track
- One-third of corridor in San Diego County is single track



- **\$5 billion in capital needs**

- Double track, station improvements, signal & communications upgrades



- **High ridership demand, but limited ability to grow service**

- Shortage of additional passenger cars and locomotives
- Limits on operating slots on freight railroads
- Constraints caused by single track on capacity, travel time and reliability

Priority Projects

13th roundtrip between San Diego, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara/Goleta

Additional railcars and locomotives to expand seating capacity

Improve on-time performance and reliability

Peak-period service between Ventura and Santa Barbara

Work with members to apply for and secure grant funding for capital improvements

Improve fare and trip planning coordination with connecting transit and commuter rail operators



Enhance customer experience with improved seat availability information at booking, train status alerts, and faster, more reliable onboard WiFi



Thank You

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