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## LOSSAN CORRIDOR LEGISLATIVE AND FUNDING ISSUES

The Board of Directors received an update on recent joint advocacy activities with the other intercity rail corridors; the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (JPA), the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee, and the Coast Rail Coordinating Council. The Board directed staff to work with these agencies on a Joint Board Workshop later in 2006 to discuss common passenger rail issues.

The Board approved the 2006 LOSSAN Legislative Program, with an emphasis on maximizing passenger rail funding on the state and federal levels and on updating the federal definition of the LOSSAN corridor. The Board directed that LOSSAN distribute these priorities to the federal delegation both in writing and directly by the Chair to key members.

Amtrak provided an update on nationwide trends in ridership, revenue, and operations. Staff also discussed Amtrak's FY 2007 appropriations request of \$1.598 billion and an additional \$275 million in strategic investment options including a state capital demonstration program. The LOSSAN Board instructed staff to provide the federal delegation with a letter of support for this request and to highlight the state capital program.

## FY 2007 LOSSAN WORK PROGRAM

The Board approved the Technical Advisory Committee's revised member assessment structure and the overall work program for FY 2007. This revised structure determines member assessment by the number of votes on the Board. The work program will emphasize continued joint agency coordination activities, advocacy, and completion of the LOSSAN Corridorwide Strategic Business Plan.

## LOSSAN CORRIDORWIDE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN STATUS REPORT

The Board was informed of a delay in the project schedule for the business plan due to delays in rail capacity analysis modeling. Modeling analysis will identify potential system-wide network problems and will provide an assessment of the impacts of future corridor projects on operations. Three options for commuter rail service between Ventura and Santa Barbara counties also will be evaluated along with intercity and freight service: (1) additional Amtrak service, (2) additional Metrolink service, and (3) a separate service using diesel multiple units (DMUs). The corridorwide document is due in March 2007.

The Board requested that staff write to the modeling firm and Union Pacific to urge their completion and eventual acceptance of the capacity modeling.

## **LOSSAN CORRIDOR CONDITIONS**

Amtrak announced continued high ridership within the corridor. Pacific Surfliner ridership is up when compared to the previous year, with increases of 27 percent and 10 percent in ridership and revenue, respectively. Six-month comparisons along the corridor were also up when compared to the same six-month period one year ago. Amtrak staff commented that 2005 numbers were influenced by significant disruptions due to heavy rains and the resulting recovery work.

The Rail2Rail program continues to positively influence Surfliner ridership, with an average of 1,700 Metrolink riders using Amtrak trains each weekday. In addition, an average of 245 Coaster riders using Amtrak trains between Oceanside and San Diego each weekday.

The Board discussed the need to understand the factors influencing on-time performance and directed staff and the TAC to develop this information for the next Board meeting. Discussion ensued on ways to increase network capacity and stressed the importance of working with host railroads to encourage structural and physical measures designed to increase both freight and passenger efficiency.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2006, in Los Angeles at 11:30 a.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None received.