

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Committee Appointments

MEETING DATE: January 21, 2010

AGENDA ITEM: 12

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RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Appoint one delegate and one alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).
- B. Appoint one delegate and one alternate each to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council and the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN).
- C. Appoint three members and an alternate to serve as SBCAG representatives on the Coastal Express Policy Steering Committee.
- D. That the Chair appoint members to the SBCAG executive committee.

SUMMARY:

SBCAG is a member of certain statewide or multi-county organizations that require the appointment of board member representatives. The board must appoint members to serve as its representatives for 2010 for CALCOG, LOSSAN, CRCC and the Coastal Express Policy Steering Committee. In addition, the SBCAG Chair may appoint members to serve on an executive committee. The attached table summarizes the appointments that need to be made for 2010.

DISCUSSION:

A. CALCOG

CALCOG is an association of the 38 regional councils of governments that exist within the state. The attached brochure explains the purposes served by CALCOG.

The current SBCAG delegate is Councilmember Hicks who is no longer a member of the SBCAG board. Supervisor Wolf was appointed to serve as SBCAG's alternate delegate to CALCOG for 2009.

Staff recommends that the board appoint two of its members to serve as the delegate and alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) for the 2010 calendar year. The CALCOG delegate/alternate might be called upon to attend approximately three meetings during the course of the year. The CALCOG delegates recently amended the organization's bylaws to expand the membership of the CALCOG executive committee. The executive committee provides policy direction for CALCOG. If SBCAG's CALCOG delegate is appointed to the executive committee, they would be expected to participate in monthly conference calls which have not yet been scheduled.

B. LOSSAN and CRCC.

The Los Angeles–San Diego–San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) was formed through a Joint Powers Agreement and is composed of counties along the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner rail corridor, which extends from San Diego to San Luis Obispo. LOSSAN advocates for improvements in the San Luis Obispo – San Diego coastal rail corridor. Current voting membership includes appointed and elected representation from Caltrans, Amtrak, and Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and San Diego Counties. SBCAG became a member of LOSSAN in 2001. (See attached brochure for more information).

The LOSSAN board recently approved an MOU which states the intent of member agencies to develop a business plan to better integrate Surfliner and commuter rail services operating in the corridor (Metrolink and Coaster). LOSSAN is in the process of hiring a project manager to help prepare and implement the plan.

SBCAG is currently represented on the LOSSAN policy committee by Supervisor Salud Carbajal and the alternate was Mayor Marty Blum who is leaving office. The LOSSAN Policy Board agreed to increase the frequency of its meetings to monthly to help assure progress on the business plan. The LOSSAN meeting schedule for 2010 is attached.

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council is composed of counties along the coast rail corridor between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The CRCC advocates for increased passenger rail service along this route, including the initiation of a new Coast Daylight train which would connect northern and southern California.

Supervisor Farr is SBCAG's current appointee to the CRCC and the alternate representative was Councilmember Bennett who is no longer a member of the SBCAG board. Meetings of CRCC policy board are held just twice a year.

Staff recommends that the board appoint a representative and alternate to the LOSSAN board as well as a representative and alternate to the CRCC.

C. Coastal Express Policy Steering Committee

In 2000, SBCAG entered into an MOU with the Ventura County Transportation Commission to implement a pilot program establishing regular fixed route transit service between Ventura County and the South Coast of Santa Barbara County. The service, known as the Coastal Express, has proven to be very successful and was subsequently made a permanent service. The MOU requires the establishment of a Policy Committee to oversee and provide policy direction for the operation of the service. The committee includes elected and staff representatives from both Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The Coastal Express Policy Steering Committee meets at least annually.

Our county's representatives as specified in the current MOU include three elected officials and the SBCAG Executive Director. The MOU also permits SBMTD to appoint a representative to serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

Current SBCAG board representatives appointed to serve on the Policy Committee include Supervisors Carbajal and Wolf and Councilmember Armendariz. Mayor Blum served as the alternate member.

It is recommended that three SBCAG representatives and one alternate representative be appointed to the Coastal Express Policy Steering Committee from among the South Coast members of the board.

D. SBCAG Executive Committee

An executive committee of the board must be appointed. The committee is appointed by the Chair and is responsible for conducting a semi-annual job performance evaluation of the executive director and may be assigned other duties by the Chair. Staff is proposing to update the SBCAG personnel manual in 2010. This will involve a detailed review of the agency's existing personnel policies and guidance from the board on policies in the new manual. Staff is proposing that the executive committee be assigned to provide guidance to staff on the project and formulate recommendations for board action as needed.

The SBCAG bylaws do not specify any requirements for appointing members to the executive committee. Typically the committee is comprised of 3-4 members. The members of the committee appointed by the Chair for 2009 included Supervisor Carbajal, Mayors Alvarez, Lavagnino and Councilmember Armendariz. Meetings of the committee are scheduled by the chair as needed.

Staff recommends that the chair appoint members to serve on the SBCAG executive committee.

E. Subregional Planning Committees

SBCAG has adopted procedures for establishing subregional planning committees of the board. The committees were established to encourage increased public involvement and board member interaction on certain issues that may have a greater level of interest in one area of the county than in others. Subregional planning committees may be

designated for any area of the county. Committee membership is comprised of board members whose Supervisorial district or city is located wholly or partially within the geographic subregion. In addition, the Chair may appoint up to two additional members from the SBCAG board whose district or city is located outside the subregion. Subregional Committees primarily serve to advise the full SBCAG board.

The Measure A ordinance assigns certain responsibilities to the South Coast and North County Subregional Planning Committees including nomination of members to a Citizen's Oversight Committee and approval of investment plan amendments affecting projects funded from north or south subregional component of the Measure A Investment Plan.

The South Coast Subregional Planning Committee has been established for many years and has scheduled meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. However, meetings are only held as warranted. Membership of the South Coast committee includes the 1st, 2nd and 3rd district supervisors and the SBCAG members representing the cities of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara and Goleta. A member of the SBMTD board is appointed by MTD to serve as an ex-officio member of the committee. The Caltrans District Director (or his designee) is also an ex-officio member of the committee.

A North County Subregional Planning Committee has also been established. This committee includes the 3rd, 4th and 5th District County supervisors and the SBCAG members representing the cities of Guadalupe, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Buellton and Solvang. The Caltrans District Director (or his designee) is also an ex-officio member of the committee.

No action is required to maintain the current SBCAG North County and South Coast subregional planning committee composition.

The SBCAG by-laws permit the chair to appoint other committees of the board as may be appropriate. The committees may make recommendations to the full SBCAG board.

Attachments:

- 1) Summary Table—SBCAG Board Appointments
- 2) CALCOG Brochure
- 3) LOSSAN Brochure
- 4) 2010 LOSSAN Meeting Schedule
- 5) What is CRCC?

SBCAG BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEE /ORGANIZATION	APPOINTMENTS	APPOINTEES FOR 2009	APPOINTEES FOR 2010
CALCOG	(2) DELEGATE ALTERNATE	HICKS * WOLF	
LOSSAN	(2) DELEGATE ALTERNATE	CARBAJAL BLUM *	
CRCC	(2) MEMBER ALTERNATE	FARR BENNETT	
COASTAL EXPRESS	(4) MEMBER MEMBER MEMBER ALTERNATE	CARBAJAL WOLF ARMENDARIZ BLUM *	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	AT LEAST 3	ALVAREZ CARBAJAL LAVAGNINO ARMENDARIZ	

* No longer a SBCAG Board member as of 2010



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BACKGROUND

The California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG) is a statewide association representing 38 regional planning agencies and was established in 1977. Most were formed as councils of governments, meaning that they represent joint powers agreements of cities and counties. The others were created as transportation commissions by the State Legislature. All have mandated state planning responsibilities. All councils of governments are responsible for identifying the share of the region's housing need for each community. Nearly all transportation commissions and councils of governments have transportation planning responsibility under both state and federal law. All councils of governments and transportation commissions are governed by city council members and county supervisors chosen by their peers.

While most of our members are single-county organizations, those representing three of the four largest metropolitan regions - Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)/Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in the Bay Area and Sacramento Area Councils of Governments (SACOG), as well as Monterey/Santa Cruz area (Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) - are multi-county. In these multi-county regions there are also sub-regional organizations in transportation. In the Southern California region there are also 14 sub-regions for all regional planning, not just transportation but also including housing and other non-mandated regional planning issues.

With a few exceptions in specific transportation operations, our member agencies do not have service delivery responsibility. Their role with regard to transportation funds (and limited other funds that they distribute) is as a policy planning body that guides allocations of funds to other organizations without regulatory or service delivery authority or responsibility.

CALCOG FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Association include:

- 1) Providing advocacy and liaison in the State Capitol and with administrative agencies.*
- 2) Reviewing or proposing statewide legislation, plans, and policies, on subjects agreed upon by members.*
- 3) Coordinating policy development and legislative effort, when appropriate, with the league of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, the National Association of Regional Councils and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.*
- 4) Promoting more effective planning at the regional level.*
- 5) Conducting statewide workshops and conferences which provide members with an ideal opportunity to discuss key issues, and to learn from recognized experts in various fields.*
- 6) Providing an informational clearinghouse on issues of concern to the regions and the state.*

COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (COGs)

Councils of Governments were formed recognizing that there are issues which transcend local boundaries and must be dealt with by local government working together and planning a unified local response to regional concerns

Councils of Governments are associations of cities and counties. They cover much of the state and are formed generally through joint powers agreements. Their governing boards are composed of locally elected members of city councils and county boards of supervisors.

Their regional role is to serve as a forum for local governments to: prepare regional plans, deal with regional issues, set regional policy, strengthen the effectiveness of local government, and develop and maintain regional databases. Traditionally, this has been in the areas of transportation, housing, water and air quality, growth management, and environmental protection. They also serve as the area wide clearing house for reviewing and assuring consistency between federal and state plans, projects and grants, and carry out various federal and state mandates. The roles of each regional council vary, based on the local needs of the region. Other major roles can include serving as the Airport Land Use Commission, Local Transportation Commission, Congestion Management Agency, Local Transportation Sales Tax Authority and administering agency for roadside emergency call boxes.

COG DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

The COG Directors Association of California (CDAC) is composed of executive directors from each member council. The group meets on a regular basis to examine and discuss relevant regional issues, and serves as a staff resource and advisory body to the CALCOG governing council

Current CALCOG Members	# of Counties	# of Cities	2000 Census Population
Amador County Transportation Commission	1	5	35,100
Association of Bay Area Governments	9	99	6.9 Million
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments	2	18	710,598
Butte County Association of Governments	1	5	203,171
Calaveras Council of Governments	1	1	40,000
Contra Costa Transportation Authority	1	19	972,150
Council of Fresno County Governments	1	15	799,400
Council of San Benito County Governments	1	2	53,234
El Dorado County Transportation Commission	West Slope of El Dorado Co.	1	156,299
Humboldt County Association of Governments	1	7	128,419
Kern Council of Governments	1	11	661,645
Kings County Association of Governments	1	4	129,461
Madera County Transportation Commission	1	2	125,800
Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles	1	88	9.8 Million
Mendocino Council of Governments	1	4	86,265
Merced County Association of Governments	1	6	210,000
Metropolitan Transportation Commission	9	101	6.8 Million
Orange County Council of Governments	1	34	2,846,289
Orange County Division League of California Cities	1	34	2,846,289
Orange County Transportation Authority	1	34	2,846,289

Current CALCOG Members	# of Counties	# of Cities	2000 Census Population
Placer County Transportation Planning Agency	1	6	230,060
Riverside County Transportation Commission	1	24	1,545,387
Sacramento Area Council of Governments	6	19	1,936,006
San Bernardino Association of Governments	1	24	1,709,434
San Diego Association of Governments	1	18	2,813,833
San Joaquin Council of Governments	1	7	563,598
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	1	7	246,681
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	1	8	399,347
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission	1	4	255,602
Shasta County RTPA	1	3	165,000
Southern California Association of Governments	6	185	16,516,006
Stanislaus Council of Governments	1	9	447,000
Transportation Agency for Monterey County	1	12	401,762
Tulare County Association of Governments	1	8	368,021
Ventura County Transportation Commission	1	10	753,197
Western Riverside Council of Governments	1	14	1,200,000



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LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY FACT SHEET



*"...one of the busiest
intercity passenger rail
corridors in the nation..."*

About LOSSAN

The LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency works to increase ridership, revenue, capacity, reliability, and safety on the coastal rail line from San Diego to Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo.

The LOSSAN rail corridor is one of the busiest intercity passenger rail corridors in the nation, second only to the Northeast corridor.

Intercity travelers, commuters, and freight trains make this corridor a critical component of the region's transportation system. The parallel freeway corridor, Interstate 5 and Highway 101, is heavily congested during peak commute periods, weekends, and holidays.

Also known as Amtrak's **Pacific Surfliner** corridor, this 351-mile rail line serves Southern California's key coastal population centers and two of the state's most congested regions: Los Angeles and San Diego.

Each year, the LOSSAN corridor carries more than 2.7 million intercity passengers and 4.5 million passengers on the commuter rail systems: Metrolink and COASTER. One in every nine Amtrak riders use the corridor.

Funding Priorities

The member agencies of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency have been successful in securing funding for intercity rail programs. The State of California has invested more than \$1 billion in the corridor, along with \$200 million by Amtrak, and \$300 million by local agencies.

With the help of Congress through the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program, LOSSAN received \$24 million

for four critical improvement projects on the railroad corridor: grade separations in the Cities of Fullerton, Commerce, and Solana Beach, and the stabilization of the Del Mar bluffs.

There are many more critical projects throughout the LOSSAN corridor in need of funding. These include centralized traffic control systems, double and triple tracking, siding extensions, station parking structures, real-time passenger information systems, bridge replacements, and grade crossing safety improvements.

There are nearly \$4.2 billion in **Pacific Surfliner** projects identified in the California Passenger Rail System 20-year Improvement Plan, sponsored by Amtrak.

Legislative Priorities

The LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency supports state and federal legislative efforts to advance intercity passenger rail services in the corridor. Specifically, the LOSSAN strategy is:

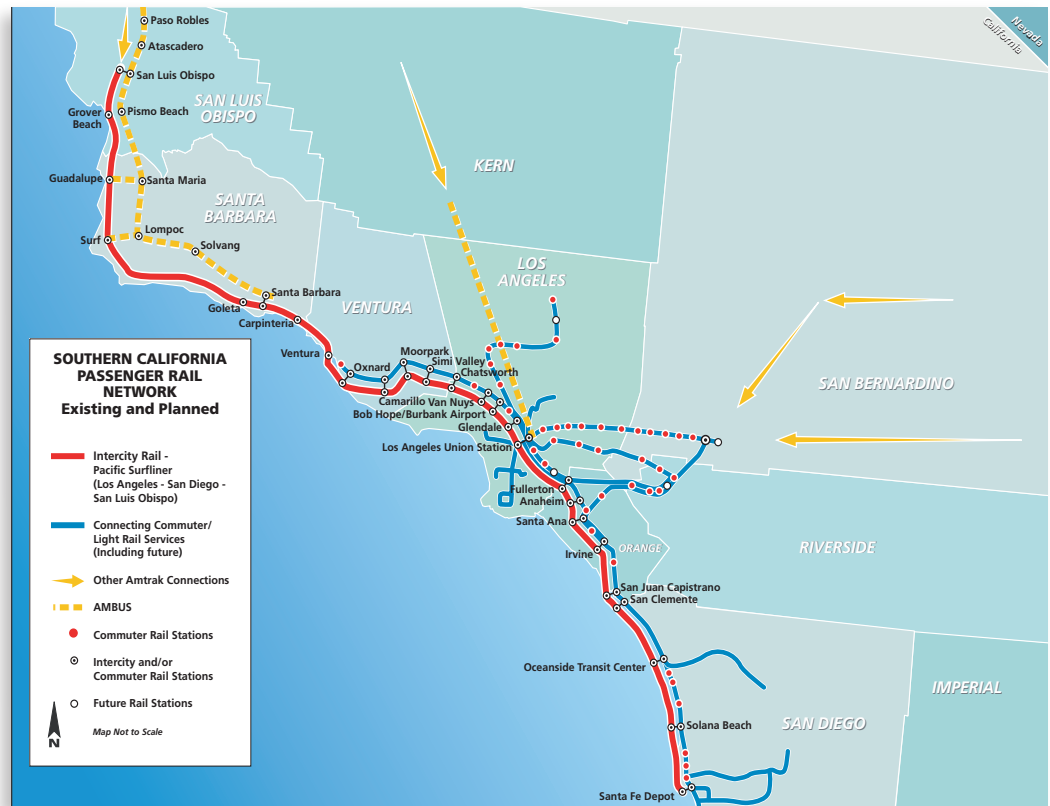
Funding: Preserve, protect, and enhance the use of funding for intercity rail capital and operating purposes.

- » Existing Funds: Protect existing funding programs from diversion for specific projects or programs off-the-top or to balance the state's general fund budget.
- » New Funds: Support efforts to increase funding for transportation purposes including bond measures.
- » TEA-21 Reauthorization: Ensure that a LOSSAN earmark is included in the federal reauthorization legislation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and that the corridor is properly and accurately defined.



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LOSSAN Members

- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)
- North County Transit District (NCTD)
- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
- San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)
- San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG)
- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)
- Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)
- EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
- Burnlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)
- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
- Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA)
- Union Pacific (UP)

» Support a dedicated, stable, multi-year state and federal funding program that provides for the continued development and maintenance of the national intercity passenger rail system (i.e., Amtrak).

Service Levels: Maintain and expand the frequency and quality of intercity passenger rail services, including efforts to develop a high-speed passenger rail system that includes the LOSSAN corridor.

Rail Safety and Security: Support efforts to increase safety and security along the LOSSAN corridor, including grade separation projects.

Community Development: Help provide local jurisdictions with the necessary resources for smart growth, affordable housing, and other initiatives as they relate to rail development.

History

The LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency is a joint powers agency that was formed in 1989 to coordinate intercity rail service between Los Angeles and San Diego. In 2001, the agency expanded to include rail agencies and operators north of Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo. With this change, all rail agencies along the entire Pacific Surfliner corridor are represented on LOSSAN.



2010 LOSSAN MEETING SCHEDULE

(All Meetings at LA Metro unless otherwise noted)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (4th Wednesday of the Month 11:30 – 1:30 Unless Noted *)	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (2nd Wednesday of the Month 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM)
	Wed, January 13 (SANDAG)
Wed, January 27	Wed, February 10 (SANDAG)
Wed, February 24 (Santa Barbara*)	Wed, March 10
Wed, March 24	Wed, April 14 (SANDAG)
Wed, April 28 (San Diego*)	Wed, May 12 (SANDAG)
Wed, May 26	Wed, June 9
Wed, June 23 (Santa Ana*)	July meeting to be determined
Wed, July 28	Wed, August 11 (SANDAG)
Wed, August 25	Wed, September 8
Wed, September 22 (San Luis Obispo*)	Wed, October 13 (SANDAG)
Wed, October 27	Wed, November 10 (SANDAG)
Wed, December 8 (Oceanside*)	

* Meeting Times To Be Determined.

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What is the Coast Rail Coordinating Council?

BACKGROUND

Purpose

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) is a coalition of coastal county transportation and planning agencies organized to improve passenger rail services. The primary focus of the CRCC is to improve the frequency and speed of passenger trains on the coast route between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Background

In 1992, through the passage of Assembly Resolution 39, State legislators requested that coastal transportation planning agencies prepare an upgrade study for the Pacific Coast Railroad Route between downtown Los Angeles and downtown San Francisco. Six transportation agencies from coastal counties (Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, and Santa Cruz) committed local funds to produce the Coast Rail Improvement Study in 1994 (Schiermeyer). An ACTION PLAN for 1999 to 2003 adopted in July, 1999 is attached for your information. In 1996, the Southern Pacific Coast Route Infrastructure Report (HDR) was completed which concluded that fairly significant time savings could be achieved by upgrading the corridor and using "tilt-train" technology. In June 2000, six CRCC agencies working with Caltrans and Amtrak completed the Coast Daylight Implementation Plan (Wilbur Smith & Associates) which provided an operating plan for new train services on the Coast Route.

Organizational Structure

The CRCC includes a Technical Committee which is made up of staff members from the various agencies, and a Policy Committee which is made up of elected officials from each of the agencies. The Technical Committee typically meets three or four times per year, and the Policy Committee meets two or three times per year. During Amtrak's development of the Master Plan for California, Policy Committee representation was expanded to include additional representation from the San Francisco Bay Area, the railroads, and commuter rail agencies. Meeting alternate between the Technical and Policy Committees. The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), since it is located in the middle of the corridor, usually hosts the meetings. Since 1992, SLOCOG has taken on the responsibility for staffing the CRCC, including the preparation and distribution of the agendas.

Current Work Efforts

The CRCC acts as an interregional forum to discuss all intercity rail issues of mutual concern, including, but not limited to; the High Speed Rail Authority's plans, local and state rail plans, freight railroad issues, and capital improvement projects.

Primarily, the CRCC is working with the Caltrans Rail Program, Amtrak West and Union Pacific to initiate a new train from downtown San Francisco to downtown Los Angeles. The CRCC also acts as the Coastal Corridor Task Force to assist in the development of Amtrak's 20 Year Rail Improvement Plan Summary Report for California. Railroad capacity modeling work is now underway to estimate capital requirements for starting new LA-SF services.

Participating regional agencies: Los Angeles MTA, Ventura CTC, Santa Barbara CAG, San Luis Obispo COG, Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Santa Cruz CRTC, San Benito, San Mateo County and others