Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency

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# What is LOSSAN?

- Los Angeles San Diego San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor
  - 351-mile rail corridor through six counties
  - Hosts busiest state-supported Amtrak route in United States

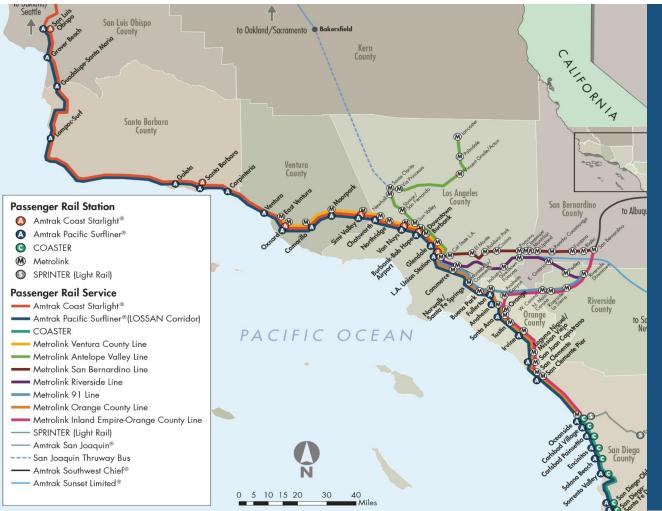
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#### • The LOSSAN Agency

- 11-member Board of Directors
- Nine member agencies
- Manages and administers Pacific Surfliner service
- Managing agency: Orange County Transportation Authority



## **LOSSAN Rail Corridor Overview**



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

## **Challenges and Opportunities**

- Heavily utilized, but constrained rail corridor
  - 80-percent of corridor north of Los Angeles is single-track
  - 30-percent of corridor in San Diego County is single-track
- \$5 billion in capital needs
  - Double-track, station improvements, signal and communications upgrades
- High ridership demand, but limited ability to grow service

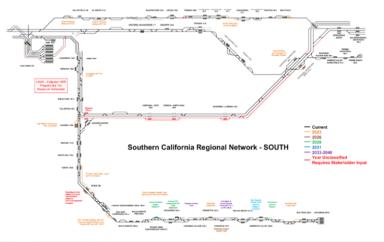


- Shortage of additional passenger cars and locomotives
- Limits on operating slots on freight railroads
- Single-track constraints on capacity, travel time, and reliability

- State of California is investing in the future of passenger rail travel
- The LOSSAN Agency has been awarded nearly \$300 million in grants since 2015 to implement capital or operating improvements to the Pacific Surfliner service.
  - Additional infrastructure capacity
  - Expanded layover & maintenance facilities
  - Station and corridor safety improvements
  - Corridor optimization, reliability, and network integration



- Additional Infrastructure Capacity
  - Installation of pockets of Centralized Traffic Control and powered sidings between Goleta and San Luis Obispo (Union Pacific Right-of-way)
  - Extending or constructing passing sidings in Santa Barbara and Ventura County (Union Pacific Right-of-way)
  - Coordination on additional track & signal capital improvement projects with Metrolink, High-Speed Rail, BNSF Railway and North County Transit District (NCTD)



- Expanded layover and maintenance facilities
  - Pacific Surfliner is supported by
     3 outlying layover facilities and
     1 primary maintenance facility
  - Capacity expansion is necessary to support service growth
  - Studies and design contracts underway or pending for facility expansions in San Luis Obispo, Goleta, and San Diego





- Station and corridor safety improvements
  - Enhancements or modifications to four stations
  - Safety improvements to stations including video surveillance systems
  - Coordination with NCTD on installation of safety fencing along right-of-way in San Diego
  - Coordination with stakeholders on Link Union Station project





- Optimization, Reliability, and Network Integration
  - Corridor Optimization Study
    - Develop optimized and integrated operating strategies that reflect the existing and planned levels of service and are consistent with the State Rail Plan
    - Review of capital investment plans to prioritize and identify solutions for overcoming barriers to implementation
  - Network Integration and System Enhancements
    - Integrated ticketing (Metrolink and NCTD)
    - Passenger Information Display Systems (PIDS)
    - Wi-Fi system and equipment enhancements

# **LOSSAN Agency Goals**

Add additional roundtrips between San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Luis Obispo

Add railcars and locomotives to expand seating capacity Complete corridor optimization effort to help improve on-time performance and reliability

Add infrastructure capacity to support service growth and reliability



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



Implement incentive programs with host railroads to improve reliability and on-time performance of the service.



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