The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) was originally formed in 1989, and works to improve ridership, revenue, capacity, reliability, and safety for passenger rail service on a 351-mile coastal rail corridor connecting San Diego to Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Last year, more than 7.2 million trips were taken on the LOSSAN rail corridor, including 4.5 million on Metrolink and COASTER commuter trains, and 2.7 million on Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner service, making it the second busiest intercity passenger rail route in the nation. The LOSSAN rail corridor also hosts BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad freight trains, and parallels congested stretches of Interstate 5 and Highway 101, making it a critical component of the region's transportation system.

LOSSAN member agencies have a history of success securing funding for rail improvements, including state and federal grant funds, with a number of projects currently underway. However, an extensive capital improvement program totaling nearly $4.9 billion in additional track capacity, station improvements, signal and communications upgrades, safety enhancements, and other projects remains largely unfunded. Operating costs for the Pacific Surfliner service are currently funded through the state's Public Transportation Account, but a stable, long-term source of operating funds still must be secured.

The LOSANN Agency supports local, state and federal legislative efforts to advance passenger rail services in the LOSSAN rail corridor. The LOSSAN Agency also works closely with the California Intercity Passenger Rail (CIPR) Leadership Coalition, consisting of the state's other two intercity rail corridors and emerging corridors, to jointly advocate for common policy positions. For 2015, the LOSSAN Agency's major legislative priorities are:

- Identify and secure sustainable funding sources to support passenger rail operations and capital projects
- Ensure the efficient and timely implementation of SB 1225 and the guiding principles of the CIPR Program
- Continue to study and advance infrastructure and service improvement projects and programs

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LOCAL OVERSIGHT OF PACIFIC SURFLINER SERVICE

In 2012, Senate Bill 1225 was signed into law, enabling regional governance of the state-funded Pacific Surfliner service by the LOSSAN Agency, with the goal of transforming the Pacific Surfliner into a service under local control that is more responsive to local needs, issues, and consumer desires. The LOSSAN Agency is negotiating an interagency transfer agreement with the state of California that will allow the LOSSAN Agency to assume administrative and oversight responsibility for Pacific Surfliner service, including identification of more cost-effective strategies for the administration and operation of the service.

The LOSSAN Agency is governed by a Board of Directors composed of 11 voting members representing rail owners, operators, and planning agencies along the entire rail corridor. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) was named the Managing Agency of the LOSSAN Agency in November 2013, and provides all necessary administrative support for the LOSSAN Agency and its Board.