

Administrative Support for the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency

Executive Committee
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History

- LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency has been in existence since 1989
 - Multi-county joint powers authority
 - Responsible for planning and coordinating passenger rail service between Los Angeles and San Diego
- Reformed in 2012 – SB 1225 (Chapter 802, Statutes of 2012)
 - Local control: Transferred the day-to-day management of the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner service from the California Department of Transportation to the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency
 - Goal: Increase ridership, revenue, reliability, and safety
 - Funding: Service remains fully funded by farebox and state

Managing Agency

- August 2013 the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) was selected as the managing agency through a competitive process
 - Facilitated through an administrative support agreement
- OCTA provides all necessary administrative support services (human resources, contracts and materials management, clerk of the board, general services, etc.)
- OCTA is reimbursed with state funding through the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

Accomplishments

- Ensured year-over-year ridership and farebox recovery increases (prior to the coronavirus pandemic)
- Implemented two additional round trips
- Introduced expanded business class service, increasing revenue
- Revamped café car leading to increased revenue
- Enhanced Rail 2 Rail program and initiated transit transfer program leading to increased ridership, improved passenger experience, and better corridor connectivity
- Secured over \$379 million in grant funds

Benefits

- Improved coordination between three passenger rail services currently operating on the LOSSAN rail corridor
- Local control has enabled more responsive service planning and delivery, leading to increases in ridership and removing cars from roadways and freeways
- Improved ridership and revenue resulting in better utilization of available funding and ability to run additional service