



LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY FACT SHEET



ABOUT THE LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) is a joint powers authority composed of rail owners, operators, and planning agencies along the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. Since July 2015, the LOSSAN Agency has managed the Pacific Surfliner service under an interagency transfer agreement with the State of California.

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) serves as Managing Agency of the LOSSAN Agency, which is supported by 18 full-time staff members and shared OCTA resources. The Agency is governed by a Board of Directors composed of 11 voting members from nine member agencies representing rail owners, operators, and planning agencies along the entire rail corridor.

In Fiscal Year 2023-24, **nearly 4.48 million trips** were taken on the LOSSAN Rail Corridor, including 2.58 million on COASTER and Metrolink Orange County Line and Ventura County Line commuter service, and **1.90 million on the Pacific Surfliner** service, making the Pacific Surfliner the busiest state supported intercity passenger rail route in the nation.

The LOSSAN Rail Corridor also includes BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad freight trains, and parallels congested stretches of Interstate 5 and Highway 101, making it vital to the region's transportation system. Portions of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor are also a part of the Strategic Rail Corridor Network (STRACNET), which ensures the national rail network is ready to support defense deployment and peacetime needs.



BY THE NUMBERS

PACIFIC SURFLINER TRAINS/DAY

20

(Los Angeles – San Diego)

COMMUTER TRAINS/WEEKDAY

112

FREIGHT TRAINS/DAY

70+

MILES OF LOSSAN CORRIDOR

351

TOTAL NUMBER OF STATIONS

41

ANNUAL TOTAL PASSENGERS

4.48 Million

Pacific Surfliner 1.90m
Metrolink/COASTER 2.58m

PACIFIC SURFLINER
ANNUAL OPERATING SUBSIDY

\$48.2 Million

PACIFIC SURFLINER
FAREBOX RECOVERY

57.8%

- Fact sheet as of 12/23/2024.
- Commuter trains per weekday as of 12/23/2024, includes COASTER (Monday-Thursday count) and Metrolink Orange County, Inland Empire/Orange County, 91/Perris Valley, and Ventura County Lines.
- Annual total ridership for Metrolink/COASTER only consists of COASTER and the Metrolink Orange County and Ventura County lines.
- Service performance for FY 2024, unless otherwise noted.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The LOSSAN Agency advocates for policies at the federal and state levels to improve rail operations, increase funding for operations and capital needs, and enable interoperability with connecting transit and rail services. The annual legislative program adopted by the LOSSAN Board guides these efforts. The LOSSAN Agency's 2025 legislative priorities include:

- **Operational Funding:** Maximize long-term, sustainable funding sources to support passenger rail operations and capital projects, including ensuring continued eligibility for the LOSSAN Agency to compete for state and federal funding.
- **Infrastructure Investments:** Continue to support resilient infrastructure and service improvement projects, including streamlining permitting for high-risk areas along the corridor.
- **Advance Intercity Rail:** Support efforts to advance intercity rail service to meet customer demand and enable future expansion.
- **Regional Rail and Transit Connectivity:** Support efforts to enhance connections between local transit services and regional and intercity rail along LOSSAN Rail Corridor.

The LOSSAN Agency was recently awarded \$27 million by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to fund the operation of three additional roundtrips between Los Angeles and San Diego, increasing frequency to 13 daily Pacific Surfliner roundtrips and fully restoring service to levels that existed on the corridor prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND COASTAL RAIL RESILIENCY

Over 100 capital projects are currently in various stages of planning and development within the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. In 2024, the LOSSAN Rail Corridor was accepted into the **Federal Railroad Administration Corridor ID Program**, which establishes a pathway for infrastructure projects to access federal capital grant programs. The LOSSAN Agency is working with Caltrans on the implementation of the grant, which will include developing scope, schedule, and budget for a Service Development Plan through Corridor ID and coordinating closely with stakeholders.

Addressing the resiliency of coastal rail infrastructure along three key segments of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor remains a priority of the capital program:

- **Santa Barbara Subdivision:** The LOSSAN Agency is working with Union Pacific Railroad to stabilize five areas on the north end of the corridor, where extreme weather and sea level rise have contributed to erosion of hillsides and bluffs immediately adjacent to the tracks and several critical bridge structures.
- **Orange Subdivision:** OCTA has secured a total of \$305 million from state and federal sources to move forward on immediate coastal rail stabilization efforts. The Coastal Rail Infrastructure Resiliency Project targets four locations within a 7-mile coastal section of the OCTA-owned Orange Subdivision. Work includes rock gradation installation, beach sand replenishment, and trail restoration. In late 2024, the California State Transportation Agency Secretary announced the State would lead a long-term study to address immediate issues while developing permanent solutions, including potential rail relocation.
- **San Diego Subdivision:** In 2024, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) began work on Phase 5 coastal bluff stabilization efforts in the City of Del Mar. SANDAG is also leading planning efforts for relocating tracks away from the eroding bluffs.

TOP 10 PACIFIC SURFLINER STATIONS

Station	Annual Boardings
Los Angeles, CA	413,472
San Diego (Downtown), CA	220,552
Santa Barbara, CA	142,350
San Diego (Old Town), CA	140,600
Irvine, CA	119,770
Oceanside, CA	101,304
Fullerton, CA	87,545
Anaheim, CA	87,070
Solana Beach, CA	84,961
San Juan Capistrano, CA	62,376

Source: Preliminary FY 2023-24 data from the Amtrak BOBJ Portal as of 12/23/2024.

VOTING MEMBERS

- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- North County Transit District
- Orange County Transportation Authority
- Riverside County Transportation Commission
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
- San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- Ventura County Transportation Commission

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

- Amtrak
- California Department of Transportation
- California High-Speed Rail Authority
- Southern California Association of Governments

Fact sheet as of 12/23/2024, FY2024 service performance

