

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 2025-26, **nearly 6.13 million trips** were taken on the LOSSAN Rail Corridor, including 3.48 million on COASTER and Metrolink Orange County Line and Ventura County Line commuter service, and **2.65 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.



LOSSAN CORRIDOR BY THE NUMBERS

PACIFIC SURFLINER TRAINS/DAY

27

(Los Angeles – San Diego)

COMMUTER TRAINS/WEEKDAY

120

FREIGHT TRAINS/DAY

70+

MILES OF LOSSAN CORRIDOR

351

TOTAL NUMBER OF STATIONS

41

ANNUAL TOTAL PASSENGERS

6.13 Million

Pacific Surfliner 2.65M, Metrolink/COASTER 3.48M

PACIFIC SURFLINER RIDERSHIP GROWTH

30.6%

PACIFIC SURFLINER ANNUAL OPERATING SUBSIDY

$52.2 Million

PACIFIC SURFLINER FAREBOX RECOVERY

63.0%

- Fact sheet as of 8/19/2026.
- Commuter trains per weekday as of 8/18/2026, 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 2026, unless otherwise noted.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The LOSSAN Agency advocates for policies at the federal and state levels to support passenger rail operations, secure funding for operating and capital needs, improve connectivity, and advance a safe and resilient rail corridor. The annual legislative program adopted by the LOSSAN Board guides these efforts. The LOSSAN Agency's 2026 legislative priorities include:

- **Secure Sustainable Funding:** Pursue and protect stable, long-term funding for intercity passenger rail operations and capital improvements, including state and federal funding opportunities that support restored and expanded service, system improvements, and corridor resiliency.
- **Implementation of Transportation Policies:** Advocate for state and federal transportation policies that support passenger rail investment, preserve the LOSSAN Agency's competitiveness for funding, improve transparency in intercity rail funding and cost allocation, and ensure the Agency's interests are represented in potential changes to rail governance, planning, and operations.
- **Connectivity and Integration:** Support greater integration among intercity, commuter, high-speed rail, and local transit services, including improved first- and last-mile connections and opportunities to expand connectivity within and beyond the LOSSAN Rail Corridor.
- **Infrastructure, Service, Resiliency, and Safety:** Support policies and investments that improve rail infrastructure, service, safety, and security, with an emphasis on protecting the coastal rail corridor from sea level rise and erosion and advancing long-term solutions that strengthen corridor resiliency.

In 2026, the LOSSAN Agency expanded Pacific Surfliner service across the corridor, restoring 13 daily roundtrips between Los Angeles and San Diego to pre-pandemic service levels and adding a sixth daily roundtrip to Goleta and a third daily roundtrip to San Luis Obispo. The expanded service provides more travel options and improves regional connectivity throughout the corridor.

RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND COASTAL RAIL RESILIENCY

Protecting the LOSSAN Rail Corridor from coastal erosion, severe weather, and other climate-related impacts continues to be a major infrastructure priority. Significant investments and planning efforts are underway along the corridor to address near-term vulnerabilities while advancing longer-term solutions.

- **Santa Barbara Subdivision:** The LOSSAN Agency has secured funding to stabilize five locations on the northern portion of the corridor where extreme weather and sea level rise have contributed to erosion of hillsides and bluffs adjacent to the railroad and several critical bridge structures. The Agency is finalizing an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad, with work anticipated to begin in early FY 2027.
- **Orange Subdivision:** OCTA has secured $305 million in state and federal funding for immediate coastal rail stabilization efforts along a seven-mile section of the OCTA-owned Orange Subdivision. Work at four priority locations includes rock protection, beach sand replenishment, and trail restoration.
- **San Diego Subdivision:** SANDAG is advancing Phase 5 of its coastal bluff stabilization program in the City of Del Mar, with completion scheduled for summer 2026. SANDAG is also continuing planning efforts for a potential relocation of the rail line away from the eroding Del Mar bluffs.

Beyond these coastal investments, more than 100 capital projects are in various stages of planning and development throughout the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. The LOSSAN Agency and Caltrans are also advancing implementation of the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program grant, having completed the scope, schedule, and budget for a Service Development Plan and awaiting the opportunity to apply for federal funding to begin its development.

TOP 10 PACIFIC SURFLINER STATIONS

Station	Annual Boardings
Los Angeles, CA	592,447
San Diego (Downtown), CA	329,870
San Diego (Old Town), CA	213,982
Santa Barbara, CA	180,102
Solana Beach, CA	138,136
Anaheim, CA	132,396
Oceanside, CA	131,742
Fullerton, CA	129,224
Irvine, CA	128,018
San Juan Capistrano, CA	103,609

Data as of August 18, 2026

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

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