

Cleaner Diesel-Electric Locomotives Now in Service on Amtrak Pacific Surfliner Trains

More reliable, greener Siemens Charger locomotives will allow Pacific Surfliner to meet growing demand for passenger rail service between San Diego, Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo

LOS ANGELES, April 22, 2019 / -- Just in time for Earth Day, [Amtrak Pacific Surfliner®](#) passengers can now enjoy cleaner, more reliable rides on trains throughout Southern California. A total of 14 new Siemens Charger locomotives are now operational on the Pacific Surfliner route, which carries nearly 3 million passengers a year to top destinations from San Diego to San Luis Obispo. The locomotives were originally unveiled by the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in October 2018.



The new Charger locomotive is the first passenger locomotive to receive the stringent Tier IV emissions certification from the Environmental Protection Agency, making it one of the cleanest diesel-electric passenger locomotives in operation today. The state-of-the-art locomotive, manufactured at Siemens' solar-powered plant in Sacramento, Calif., now powers the majority of 24 daily Pacific Surfliner trains traveling through Southern California. Almost 90 percent cleaner than the locomotives they replaced, the Charger locomotives allow the Pacific Surfliner service to meet growing demand for ridership while providing quieter, more efficient passenger rail service that helps relieve congestion on adjacent freeways like Interstate 5 and U.S. 101.

"We have a commitment to enhancing our passengers' experience as well as being good neighbors in the communities we serve. This new locomotive helps to fulfill both of these goals," said Al Murray, chairman of the LOSSAN Agency, overseeing the Pacific Surfliner service.

Siemens built the Charger locomotives for transportation agencies across the United States as part of a multi-state procurement project. The 14 Charger locomotives used on Pacific Surfliner service were funded by Caltrans with approximately \$100 million in state, federal and local funds, and replaced Amtrak-owned locomotives which were nearly 20 years old.

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About the Pacific Surfliner

The Pacific Surfliner travels along a 351-mile coastal rail route through San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties, serving 27 stations. It is the busiest state-supported intercity passenger rail route in the United States with 24 daily trains and annual ridership of nearly 3 million. To learn more and plan a trip, visit PacificSurfliner.com.

About the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

The Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency is a joint powers authority composed of rail owners, operators and planning agencies along the entire LOSSAN rail corridor. In addition to working to improve passenger rail ridership, revenue, on-time performance, operational flexibility, and safety, the LOSSAN Agency assumed management responsibility for the Pacific Surfliner service in July 2015, following the execution of an interagency transfer agreement with the state of California. For more information, visit lossan.org.

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