

Donna DeMartino Named LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency Managing Director Former CEO at San Joaquin Regional Transit District to oversee management of the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service.

ORANGE, Calif., Dec. 12, 2019 /-- Donna DeMartino has been named as the new Managing Director of the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency, effective January 27, 2020.

In addition to leading efforts to improve passenger rail ridership, reliability, coordination, and safety along the LOSSAN rail corridor, DeMartino will oversee management and operations of the state-supported, Amtrak-operated Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service, replacing Jennifer L. Bergener, who has led the Agency since 2012. Bergener was recently named Deputy CEO of the Orange County Transportation Authority.

The 351-mile LOSSAN rail corridor covers a six-county coastal region in Southern California and is the second busiest intercity passenger rail corridor in the United States. The Pacific Surfliner is the busiest state-supported Amtrak route in the country.

"I am confident Ms. DeMartino will effectively lead the LOSSAN Agency to meet our goals of increasing ridership, enhancing operational flexibility, and ensuring safety for the millions of riders who depend on us each year," said Al Murray, chairman of the LOSSAN Agency.



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DeMartino's appointment was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee and supported by the LOSSAN Board of Directors. She brings more than 30 years of demonstrated ability in delivering mission-critical projects, most recently serving as Chief Executive Officer of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District since 2001. She led the conversion of the entire Stockton Metropolitan Area fleet to all hybrid and electric buses. She also led the design and secured funding for important facility upgrades, including construction of a new Downtown Transit Center, a new Regional Transportation Center, and several major passenger transfer locations. DeMartino began her career as a member of Sacramento Regional Transit's light rail start up and operations team.

"The LOSSAN Agency continues to engage in exciting projects designed to meet the existing and growing demands for rail service in Southern California," said DeMartino. "I look forward to working with member agencies, stakeholders, and the public to continue our efforts to improve and expand the Pacific Surfliner service."

The LOSSAN Agency is governed by an 11-member Board composed of officials representing rail owners, operators, and planning agencies along the LOSSAN rail corridor between San Diego and San Luis Obispo.

About the Pacific Surfliner

Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner train 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 26 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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