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State Awards $38.7 Million to LOSSAN Agency to Enhance Pacific Surfliner Service

Grant provides $38.7 million for the design and construction of new maintenance and layover facilities in San Diego and San Luis Obispo Counties

ORANGE, Calif., April 21, 2020 / -- The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency, which oversees the Amtrak® Pacific Surfliner® service, was awarded $38.7 million to fund a package of projects that will expand and improve passenger rail service in southern California, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) announced today.



State awards $38.7 million to LOSSAN Agency to enhance Pacific Surfliner service by providing funding for the design and construction of new maintenance and layover facilities in San Diego and San Luis Obispo Counties.

The funding is part of the 2020 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), which will provide a total of $500 million to projects statewide that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by improving rail and transit services. The TIRCP program is funded through Senate Bill (SB) 1 and proceeds from the state's Cap and Trade program. CalSTA received 45 applications from rail and transit agencies throughout the state requesting nearly $2.5 billion in 2020 TIRCP funding.

"Thanks to the support of CalSTA and the funding provided through SB 1, we will be able to make much-needed improvements on both ends of the LOSSAN corridor that will allow us to continue expanding and growing our service on the second-busiest intercity passenger rail corridor in the nation," said LOSSAN Agency Chairman Al Murray.

The $38.7 million grant includes funding to construct a Central Coast Layover Facility in San Luis Obispo, to design and construct a new maintenance and layover facility in San Diego that will allow overnight storage and servicing of Pacific Surfliner equipment to be relocated from the Santa Fe Depot to a new location in National City, and also to help overhaul and modernize the Pacific Surfliner railcars. "This investment by the state will allow for additional rail service along the entire corridor and help to encourage ridership growth by providing new facilities in both San Luis Obispo and San Diego where we can more effectively manage Pacific Surfliner equipment and operations," added LOSSAN Agency Managing Director Donna DeMartino.

Several other rail and transit agencies in southern California were also successful in receiving 2020 TIRCP grants for projects that will enhance connectivity with the Pacific Surfliner service on the LOSSAN rail corridor. Additional information on the program and a list of awarded projects published by CalSTA can be viewed here.

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, visit PacifcSurfliner.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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