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## Quarterly VCTC Rail (Metrolink and LOSSAN) Ridership and Performance Measures Report

### **BACKGROUND:**

This report provides a Quarterly (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2018-2019) update of regional passenger rail activities. The information in this update focuses on regional commuter rail (Metrolink), intercity rail (Amtrak), and other rail-related issues pertinent to Ventura County.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **SCRRA (Metrolink) Commuter Rail**

##### Ridership and On-time Performance

Based on data provided by Metrolink, system-wide ridership on commuter rail remained mostly consistent with last year's average in the same quarter, averaging 37,096 daily passenger trips in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY 2018-2019. The Ventura County Line, which includes both Ventura County and Los Angeles County stations, averaged 3,128 daily passenger trips for the quarter, a 5% decrease from the previous year's average during the same quarter. Table 1 provides a 10-year historical perspective of Metrolink quarterly ridership trends.

Metrolink ridership originating from Ventura County stations on the Ventura County Line for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter averaged 670 total boardings per weekday. This represents a decrease of 9% compared to the same quarter from the previous year. Ventura County boardings represented approximately 21% of all boardings on the Ventura County line, with LA stations averaging approximately 79%. Ventura County stations continue to see a declining proportion of boardings on the Ventura County Line. Individual station boardings can be found in Figure 1.

Metrolink on-time performance (OTP), which denotes trains arriving within five minutes of the scheduled time, averaged 94% "on-time" arrival on the Ventura County Line for the quarter. Of the 1,282 trains (14 daily) operated in the quarter, 1,201 arrived "on-time" while 81 were late and 449 arrived early. A total of 197,473 passengers traveled on the Ventura County Line in the quarter. "On-time" performance on the Ventura County Line equaled the system-wide average of 94% for the quarter.

#### **LOSSAN Intercity Rail Corridor (Amtrak Pacific Surfliner)**

##### Performance of Amtrak's Peak-Period Train

Table 2 provides the ridership of Amtrak's peak period service from Ventura County to Santa Barbara County since its launch in April, 2017. "10 trip" ticket holders have seen a smaller proportion of overall ticket use (complimentary "10 trips" were initially distributed to promote the service.) as monthly pass holders have overtaken the majority proportion and likely represent the "core" commuter riders.

Table 1. Historical Metrolink Ridership

10 year Snapshot of Year over Year change in Quarterly Average Weekday Ridership

Quarter Year	Ventura County Station Boardings*	% Change Ventura County Station Boardings	Ventura County Line Passenger Trips	% Change Ventura County Line	Metrolink System Passengers Grand Total	% Change Metrolink System Grand Total
2rd Qtr 2018	670	-9%	3,128	-5%	37,096	0%
2rd Qtr 2017	733	-9%	3,292	-6%	37,133	-3%
2rd Qtr 2016	810	-3%	3,500	-1%	38,316	-5%
2rd Qtr 2015	838	-10%	3,520	-5%	40,455	-2%
2rd Qtr 2014	928	6%	3,703	5%	41,230	1%
2rd Qtr 2013	876	-7%	3,541	-8%	40,786	-3%
2rd Qtr 2012	943	3%	3,839	1%	42,265	4%
2rd Qtr 2011	915	5%	3,796	9%	40,754	6%
2rd Qtr 2010	868	0%	3,470	-2%	38,338	-4%
2rd Qtr 2009	865	-14%	3,539	-18%	40,040	-12%

\* East Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, Moorpark and Simi Valley.

Figure 1.

**Metrolink Ventura County Station Boardings for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY 2018-2019**

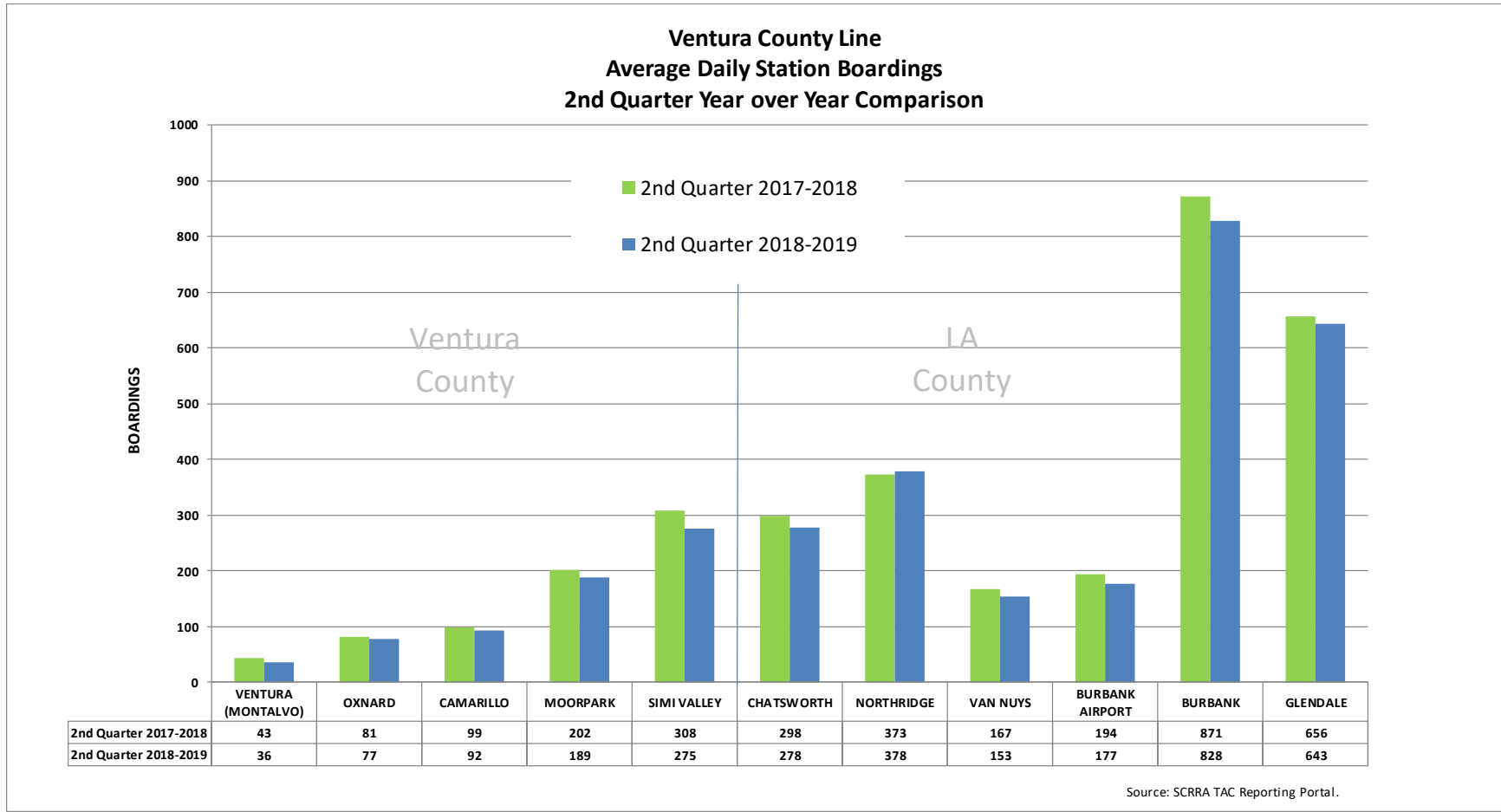


Figure 2.

**Amtrak - Pacific Surfliner**  
**Santa Barbara Peak Period Service**

