



Expanded Intercity Rail Service to Santa Barbara

LOSSAN Proposal – February 2025





Project Background

- Coordinated Planning Effort Across Agencies over last three years
 - SBCAG
 - LOSSAN
 - Metrolink
- Initial plan was for Metrolink to run service using a LOSSAN train slot as Metrolink had equipment available and LOSSAN did not
- Were close to moving forward but was complicated when Metrolink switched operators from Amtrak to Alstom
 - Only Amtrak allowable under the agreement between LOSSAN and UP
- Union Pacific Agreement & Timeline



LOSSAN Board Direction

- Prioritize Intercity Rail Service Expansion
- LOSSAN Service Pilot
 - Utilize Available Equipment and Budget Savings
 - Temporary Additional Funding Provided by SBCAG and VCTC
- Coordinate to identify funding opportunities to sustain pilot service



Updated Service Proposal: LOSSAN Operated

- Morning Train Service: Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo
(Southbound train: San Luis Obispo to San Diego)
- Cost savings for SBCAG and VCTC
- Insurance Liability shifted from SBCAG/VCTC to Amtrak/LOSSAN
- Union Pacific Agreement already in place
- Simplified Ticketing and Passenger Information



Draft Schedule





Next Steps and Timeline

- Received Caltrans/ CalSTA approval - February 2026
- Finalize Agreements and Board Approvals - February 2026
- Host Railroads have approved schedules
- Coordinated Marketing and Outreach
- Potential Service Launch – April/May 2026
 - (Pending Amtrak coordination on implementation)



Questions?