

## Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG

### Overview

In accordance with Government Code § 53232.3, when members of a legislative body attend meetings at the expense of the local agency, a report is to be provided summarizing such meetings. Since the last report, members of the Board of Directors reported their participation in the following meetings and events on behalf of SANDAG. Key topics of discussion are also summarized.

### **September 15, 2025: LOSSAN Board Meeting**

Deputy Mayor Joy Lyndes (Encinitas) participated in the LOSSAN Board meeting as the officially appointed representative for SANDAG. The Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor (LOSSAN), Board approved key items related to the continued operation and improvement of the Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service. This included authorization to extend the Interagency Transfer Agreement with Caltrans for four more years starting October 1, 2025, allowing continued local oversight of the service. The Board also approved the execution of a \$27.1 million federal grant agreement to restore three daily roundtrips between Los Angeles and San Diego over a six-year period. Additionally, the Managing Director was authorized to negotiate a one-year, \$59.6 million operating agreement with Amtrak for the 2025-2026 federal fiscal year. Staff provided updates on Pacific Surfliner marketing efforts and temporary expanded service to Santa Barbara, while Caltrans presented its strategy for deploying zero-emission Fast Light Innovative Regional Train H2 passenger rail vehicles across the state.

### **October 20, 2025: LOSSAN Board Meeting**

Deputy Mayor Joy Lyndes (Encinitas) participated in the LOSSAN Board meeting as the officially appointed representative for SANDAG. The LOSSAN Board reviewed and directed staff to finalize the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Goals and Initiatives based on Board feedback. The Board also instructed staff to incorporate key assumptions into the development of the Annual Business Plan and Budget for Fiscal Years 2026–2027 and 2027–2028. Additionally, staff provided an update on the Pacific Surfliner's equipment and service operations.

### **October 20, 2025: Joint MPO Coordination Meeting with SCAG and SANDAG Leadership**

Mayor Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach) and Deputy Mayor Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista) participated in the Joint Metropolitan Transit Organization (MPO) Coordination Meeting with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and SANDAG leadership as the officially appointed representatives for SANDAG. Participation in the SANDAG–SCAG Joint MPO Coordination Meeting strengthened collaboration between Southern California's two largest metropolitan planning organizations and

### Action: Information

This report provides an update on meetings and events attended by members of the SANDAG Board of Directors.

### Fiscal Impact:

Members of the SANDAG Board of Directors receive a stipend from SANDAG for participation in meetings and events representing the agency: in-county \$100 per meeting or event; out-of-county, \$150 per day, per meeting, or event.

Funding for expenses related to these meetings is provided via Overall Work Program Project No. 9000100 in accordance with Article III, Section 5 of the SANDAG Bylaws.

### Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

promotes alignment on shared regional goals. This meeting allowed agency leaders to exchange best practices and coordinate on critical issues such as transportation funding, housing policy, and environmental streamlining. Engaging directly with SCAG leadership enhances communication, builds partnerships, and ensures SANDAG's regional priorities are represented in statewide discussions.

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