

**LOS ANGELES - SAN DIEGO - SAN LUIS OBISPO  
RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY**

**Basic Financial Statements**

**Year Ended June 30, 2017**

**(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency  
Orange, California

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the LOSSAN Agency's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the LOSSAN Agency, as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 8 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 6, 2017, on our consideration of the LOSSAN Agency's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the LOSSAN Agency's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Laguna Hills, California  
November 6, 2017



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**Introduction**

The following discussion and analysis of the financial performance and activity of the Los – Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) provides an introduction and understanding of the basic financial statements of the LOSSAN Agency for the year ended June 30, 2017. This discussion was prepared by management. We encourage readers to consider the information on financial performance presented in conjunction with the financial statements that begin on page 9.

The LOSSAN Agency is a joint powers authority originally formed in 1989 that works to increase ridership, revenue, capacity, reliability, coordination and safety on the 351 mile coastal rail line between San Diego, Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo. The LOSSAN rail corridor travels through six counties: San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo, and is currently the second busiest intercity passenger rail corridor in the United States.

The LOSSAN Agency is governed by a Board of Directors composed of eleven voting members from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, North County Transit District, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, Ventura County Transportation Commission, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, and San Diego Association of Governments. The LOSSAN Agency also includes four non-voting, ex-officio members representing the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak), State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Rail and Mass Transit (DRMT), California High Speed Rail Authority and Southern California Association of Governments.

On September 29, 2012, Governor Jerry Brown signed SB1225 which authorized the LOSSAN Agency to oversee the state-supported intercity passenger rail service, commonly referred to as the Pacific Surfliner, subject to approval of an interagency transfer agreement (ITA) with the State of California. The ITA commenced on July 1, 2015 along with the transition of administrative responsibility for the Pacific Surfliner service to the LOSSAN Agency. The overall goal of the governance change is to transform the existing Pacific Surfliner intercity rail service into a service under local control that is more responsive to local needs, issues and consumer desires.

The LOSSAN Agency entered into an administrative support services agreement with OCTA on November 21, 2013, to provide staffing and administrative services to the Agency. The start-up term of the agreement commenced November 21, 2013 through June 30, 2015, and the initial term of the agreement is from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

The LOSSAN Agency negotiates and enters into annual agreements with Amtrak to provide Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service and connecting bus feeder services for the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. The most recent agreement was entered into on October 1, 2016, in which the term is from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. The LOSSAN Agency plans on entering into a new agreement to provide service beginning October 1, 2017.

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**The Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements provide information about the LOSSAN Agency's enterprise fund. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the LOSSAN Agency's financial statements. The financial statements are comprised of two components: 1) the financial statements and 2) the notes to the financial statements.

The statement of net position presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the LOSSAN Agency is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents information showing how the LOSSAN Agency's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The statement of cash flows present information using the direct method and include a reconciliation of cash to the statement of net position.

The financial statements can be found on pages 9-11 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 12-18 of this report.

**Statements of Net Position**

As noted previously, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the LOSSAN Agency's financial position. At June 30, 2017, the LOSSAN Agency's net position was \$205,507, an increase of \$3,701 from June 30, 2016.

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The analysis below focuses on net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2, next page) of the LOSSAN Agency’s financial activities.

Table 1  
LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency  
Net Position

|                     | 2017          | 2016          | Difference<br>Increase<br>(Decrease) | %<br>Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Current assets      | \$ 26,108,318 | \$ 10,477,867 | \$ 15,630,451                        | 149.2 %                     |
| Current liabilities | 25,902,811    | 10,276,061    | 15,626,750                           | 152.1 %                     |
| Net position:       |               |               |                                      |                             |
| Unrestricted        | \$ 205,507    | \$ 201,806    | \$ 3,701                             | 1.8 %                       |

In fiscal year 2017, total assets increased by \$15,630,451, primarily due to an increase in cash and prepaid amounts to Amtrak. Cash increased by \$21,978,102 primarily due to the LOSSAN Agency receiving monthly funding allocations from Caltrans DRMT for fiscal year 2017 train operations. Assets also increased due to amounts prepaid with Amtrak as a result of a reconciliation of actual costs for train operations compared to advance payments made. As of June 30, 2017, the prepaid amount to Amtrak is \$504,133. Deposits with Amtrak decreased by \$7,029,711 due to utilizing prior year funds on deposit with Amtrak to cover train operations and bus feeder expenses. Receivables increased by \$170,150 in due from other governments, primarily from state grant reimbursements for Transit Transfer Program expenses and for minor projects.

Total liabilities increased by \$15,626,750 primarily due to an increase in unearned revenue and accounts payable. Unearned revenue increased by \$11,676,601, which is comprised of an increase of \$10,054,847 in deferred train operations funds that will either be carried forward to fiscal year 2018 or returned to Caltrans DRMT per the interagency transfer agreement. Unearned revenue is also comprised of recognizing revenue from fiscal year 2016 carry-over administrative and marketing funding in the amount of \$2,790,350, and the deferral of fiscal year 2017 administrative and marketing funding in the amount of \$2,521,143. Unearned revenue also contains \$1,887,000 for grant revenue from the California Office of Emergency Services. Accounts payable increased by \$3,914,730 primarily due to June payables owed to Amtrak for train operations and station improvements, amounts owed to OCTA for providing administrative management services to the LOSSAN Agency, as well as amounts owed to various other vendors for advertising and marketing services.

Unrestricted net position represents the portion of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal



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requirements. Unrestricted net position changed from \$201,806 at June 30, 2016 to \$205,507 at June 30, 2017. This increase of \$3,701 was primarily due to interest revenue earned.

The analysis in Table 2 below focuses on the changes in net position.

Table 2  
LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency  
Changes in Net Position

|  | 2017          | 2016         | Difference<br>Increase<br>(Decrease) | %<br>Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Operating expenses:                                    |               |              |                                      |                             |
| Contracted services for train operations               | \$ 20,894,595 | \$ 1,126,784 | \$ 19,767,811                        | 1,754.4 %                   |
| Administrative fees                                    | 2,216,532     | 1,312,202    | 904,330                              | 68.9 %                      |
| Marketing services                                     | 1,340,960     | 381,318      | 959,642                              | 251.7 %                     |
| Other administrative expenses                          | 209,170       | 133,643      | 75,527                               | 56.5 %                      |
| Total operating expenses                               | 24,661,257    | 2,953,947    | 21,707,310                           | 734.9 %                     |
| Operating income (loss)                                | (24,661,257)  | (2,953,947)  | (21,707,310)                         | (734.9) %                   |
| Nonoperating revenues (expenses):                      |               |              |                                      |                             |
| State funding for train operations                     | 20,894,595    | 1,126,784    | 19,767,811                           | 1,754.4 %                   |
| State funding for administration and marketing         | 3,766,662     | 1,827,163    | 1,939,499                            | 106.1 %                     |
| State funding for minor projects facility enhancements | 144,489       | 0            | 144,489                              | N/A                         |
| Minor projects facility enhancement expenses           | (144,489)     | 0            | (144,489)                            | N/A                         |
| Grants for transit programs and security projects      | 1,908,700     | 20,060       | 1,888,640                            | 9,415.0 %                   |
| Contributions to other agencies grant expenses         | (1,920,438)   | (20,060)     | (1,900,378)                          | 9,473.5 %                   |
| Other miscellaneous revenue                            | 7,777         | 0            | 7,777                                | N/A                         |
| Investment income                                      | 7,662         | 1,671        | 5,991                                | 358.5 %                     |
| Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)                 | 24,664,958    | 2,955,618    | 21,709,340                           | 734.5 %                     |
| Changes in net position                                | 3,701         | 1,671        | 2,030                                | 121.5 %                     |
| Total net position – beginning                         | 201,806       | 200,135      | 1,671                                | 0.8 %                       |
| Total net position – ending                            | \$ 205,507    | \$ 201,806   | \$ 3,701                             | 1.8 %                       |

The LOSSAN Agency’s operating expenses consist of net Amtrak charges for train operations and bus feeder services, marketing and administrative expenses and other expenses. Starting in fiscal year 2016,

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operating expenses are financed from funds received from Caltrans DRMT. This funding is reported as nonoperating revenue under State funding for administration and marketing and State funding for train operations. The LOSSAN Agency’s total nonoperating revenues increased by \$21,709,340 due to funds received from Caltrans DRMT for train operations, administrative and marketing funding. Total operating expenses increased by \$21,707,310 due to the cost for train operations, as well as administrative and marketing expenses.

**Budgetary Highlights**

Revenues

The primary sources of revenue for the LOSSAN Agency is from Caltrans DRMT. In fiscal year 2016-17, the original budget was \$48,631,088. This includes \$39,569,076 in revenue to fund the operations of train and bus feeder services. It also includes \$5,223,512 in administrative and marketing funding, \$3,335,000 in grant funds, \$500,000 for minor projects, and \$3,500 for interest revenue. A budget amendment was completed which adjusted the total original revenue budget from \$48,631,088 down to \$41,839,452. The budget amendment was completed in order to align the original budget with the funds approved by the state as part of the annual business plan approval.

Actual revenues were lower than the final budget by \$15,109,567. This is primarily related to the deferral of revenue for the remaining balance of train operations, administrative and marketing funds, which were not used to cover expenses.

Expenses

The original expense budget for fiscal year 2016-17 was \$48,631,088 and consisted of \$39,569,076 for payments to Amtrak for train operations and bus feeder services, \$3,227,012 in administrative and marketing expenses, \$3,335,000 in grant expenses, and \$500,000 for minor projects. A budget amendment was completed which adjusted the total original expense budget from \$48,631,088 down to \$41,839,452. The budget amendment was completed in order to align the original budget with the funds approved by the state as part of the annual business plan approval.

Actual expenses were lower than the final budget by \$15,113,268. This is due to actual overall net train operating costs coming in lower than budgeted by \$12.1 million due to total Amtrak fare and other revenues being higher than forecasted, as well as fuel, host railroad, train and engine crew labor, and connecting motor coach costs being lower than projected. Grant expenses were lower than budgeted by approximately \$1.4 million due to lower than anticipated activity with the Transit Transfer Program. Administrative and marketing expenses underran the budget by approximately \$1.4 million during the year primarily due to position vacancies and less than anticipated expenses in professional marketing services.

**Economic and Other Factors**

Funding for the LOSSAN Agency for administration, marketing, train and bus feeder operations is provided by Caltrans DRMT. This funding is subject to annual budget appropriation by the State



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Legislature, and to the extent required, programmed by the California Transportation Commission to carry out the purposes of the ITA.

**Contacting the LOSSAN Agency's Management**

This financial report is designed to provide the LOSSAN Agency's Board of Directors, management, creditors, legislative and oversight agencies, citizens and customers with an overview of the Agency's finances and to demonstrate its accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the LOSSAN Agency, at the Orange County Transportation Authority, 550 South Main Street, P.O. Box 14184, Orange, California 92863-1584.

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Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2017

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>  |                   |
| Current Assets  |                   |
| Cash and investments  | \$ 25,406,198     |
| Prepaid Expense   | 504,133           |
| Receivables:  |                   |
| Due from other Governments                                  | 190,210           |
| Other receivables - National Railroad Passenger Corporation | 7,777             |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                                 | <u>26,108,318</u> |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>   |                   |
| Current Liabilities   |                   |
| Accounts payable  | 3,970,068         |
| Due to other governments                                    | 436,081           |
| Unearned revenue  | 21,496,662        |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                            | <u>25,902,811</u> |
| <b>Net position:</b>  |                   |
| Unrestricted  | 205,507           |
| <b>Total net position</b>                                   | <u>\$ 205,507</u> |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**

**Year Ended June 30, 2017**

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Operating Expenses:</b>                                       |                          |
| Contracted services for train operations and bus feeder services | \$ 20,894,595            |
| Administrative fees  | 2,216,532                |
| Marketing services   | 1,340,960                |
| Other Administrative expenses                                    | 209,170                  |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>                                  | <u>24,661,257</u>        |
| <b>Operating Loss</b>  | <u>(24,661,257)</u>      |
| <b>Nonoperating revenues (expenses)</b>                          |                          |
| State funding for train operations                               | 20,894,595               |
| State funding for administration and marketing                   | 3,766,662                |
| State funding for minor projects facility enhancements           | 144,489                  |
| Minor projects facility enhancement expenses                     | (144,489)                |
| Grants for transit programs and security projects                | 1,908,700                |
| Contributions to other agencies grant expenses                   | (1,920,438)              |
| Miscellaneous revenue  | 7,777                    |
| Interest income  | 7,662                    |
| <b>Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)</b>                    | <u>24,664,958</u>        |
| <b>Change in net position</b>                                    | 3,701                    |
| Net position, beginning of year                                  | <u>201,806</u>           |
| <b>Net position, end of year</b>                                 | <u><u>\$ 205,507</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**Statement of Cash Flows**

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|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                                       |                               |
| Payments for train operations and bus feeder services                             | \$ (12,819,703)               |
| Payments for marketing and administrative services                                | (2,823,591)                   |
| <b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>                                      | <u>(15,643,294)</u>           |
| <b>Cash flows from noncapital related financing activities</b>                    |                               |
| Receipts from State for train operations and bus feeder services                  | 30,808,056                    |
| Receipts from State for marketing and administrative services                     | 3,497,456                     |
| Receipts for grant programs   | 3,775,463                     |
| Payments for grant expenses   | (467,241)                     |
| <b>Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities</b>                       | <u>37,613,734</u>             |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                                       |                               |
| Interest received on investments  | 7,662                         |
| <b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>                                  | <u>7,662</u>                  |
| <b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>                                  | 21,978,102                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year                                    | 3,428,096                     |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>                                   | <u><u>\$ 25,406,198</u></u>   |
| <b>Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents to statement of net position:</b>  |                               |
| Cash and investments  | \$ 25,406,198                 |
| <b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>  | <u><u>\$ 25,406,198</u></u>   |
| <b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities</b>  |                               |
| Operating loss  | (24,661,257)                  |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities: |                               |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:  |                               |
| (Increase) decrease in deposits with Amtrak                                       | 7,029,711                     |
| (Increase) decrease in prepaid expense  | (504,133)                     |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payables  | 2,456,966                     |
| Increase (decrease) in due to other governments                                   | 35,419                        |
| <b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>                                      | <u><u>\$ (15,643,294)</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**1. Reporting Entity**

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) is a joint powers authority originally formed in 1989 that works to increase ridership, revenue, capacity, reliability, coordination and safety on the 351 mile coastal rail line between San Diego, Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo. The Agency consists of eleven member agencies which include the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, North County Transit District, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, Ventura County Transportation Commission, Orange County Transportation Authority, Riverside County Transportation Commission, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System and San Diego Association of Governments. The governing board of the Agency is comprised of eleven voting members representing the member agencies, as well as four non-voting, ex-officio members representing Amtrak, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Rail and Mass Transit (DRMT), California High Speed Rail and Southern California Association of Governments.

On September 29, 2012, Governor Jerry Brown signed SB1225 which authorized the LOSSAN Agency to oversee the state-supported intercity passenger rail service, commonly referred to as the Pacific Surfliner, subject to approval of an interagency transfer agreement (ITA) with the State of California. The ITA commenced on July 1, 2015 along with the transition of administrative responsibility for the Pacific Surfliner service to the LOSSAN Agency. The overall goal of the governance change is to transform the existing Pacific Surfliner intercity rail service into a service under local control that is more responsive to local needs, issues and consumer desires.

The LOSSAN Agency receives funding from Caltrans DRMT for administration and management of the Pacific Surfliner train service. The train equipment used in the LOSSAN Rail Corridor service is owned by the State of California and the train service is operated by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) under contract to the LOSSAN Agency. The railroad track is owned by Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway (BNSF), Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR), Metrolink, and North County Transit District. The LOSSAN Agency is staffed by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) under a management services agreement.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies of the LOSSAN Agency are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting principles.

*(a) Basis of Accounting and Presentation*

The basic financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, consisting primarily of funding from Caltrans DRMT, are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Revenues received from Caltrans DRMT are received in advance and used by the LOSSAN Agency to fund train operations provided by Amtrak.

The financial statements are reported using an Enterprise fund and full accrual method of accounting.



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*(b) Proprietary Accounting and Financial Reporting*

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenue and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with an enterprise fund's principal ongoing operations. The primary funding source of the LOSSAN Agency is funding received by the Caltrans DRMT for both train operations and marketing and administration. This revenue is considered nonoperating revenue. Operating expenses for the LOSSAN Agency include the cost of train operations and bus feeder services, charges for marketing and administration, and other operating expenses. All expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating expenses.

*(c) Cash and Investments*

The LOSSAN Agency currently does not have a written investment policy. The treasurer of the managing agency, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), serves as the Agency's treasurer. The treasurer serves as the depository of funds and has custody of funds for the Agency.

The LOSSAN Agency entered into an interest earning investment contract with its bank in September 2015. Under the repurchase agreement, funds are transferred on a daily basis into an overnight sweep account. Funds are then transferred back into LOSSAN Agency's deposit account the next day with interest earned. The interest earned is a fixed amount of .05% on the daily balance transferred into the account. The amounts transferred to the overnight repurchase sweep account are valued at cost. The LOSSAN Agency did not have any other investments as of June 30, 2017. All amounts in the overnight repurchase sweep account as of June 30, 2017 represent cash and cash equivalents for cash flow purposes. See Note 3.

*(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents*

The LOSSAN Agency considers all short-term investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

*(e) Receivables*

Receivables are recorded for amounts invoiced to Caltrans DRMT that are due and payable for actual Amtrak train operations and bus feeder services. Receivables also include grant funding due from the State and a reimbursement from Amtrak to cover expenses of the LOSSAN Agency Transit Transfer Program.

*(f) Unearned Revenue*

The LOSSAN Agency receives advance funding from the State to pay for Amtrak provided train operations and bus feeder services. The LOSSAN Agency recognizes revenues in the period in which the related expenses are incurred. Any revenues received over and above actual expenses are classified as unearned revenue.

*(g) Net Position*

Net position represents the residual interest in the LOSSAN Agency's assets after liabilities are deducted. The statement of net position reports total net position. This amount reported is considered unrestricted net position since it is accessible for general use and is not invested in capital assets or restricted by third parties, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the LOSSAN Agency's policy to use restricted resources first and then unrestricted resources as needed and in accordance with the ITA.

*(h) Operating Revenues and Expenses*

Operating revenues generally result from providing services in conjunction with the LOSSAN Agency's principal ongoing operations. The LOSSAN Agency had no revenues classified as operating revenues for fiscal year 2017. Operating expenses consist of costs associated with train operations and bus feeder services, marketing and administrative expenses. Under the operating agreement the LOSSAN Agency has with Amtrak, the Agency pays Amtrak a predetermined annual amount to operate the train and bus feeder service. The contractual amount is based on Amtrak's anticipated annual costs of operating the service net of projected passenger fares that will be collected. Actual amounts are reconciled on a monthly basis within forty five days following the end of the month. Any surplus or deficits are applied to the following months invoice. Under the managing agency agreement the LOSSAN Agency has with OCTA, the Agency pays OCTA the fully burdened cost (including overhead) for administrative staffing services.

*(i) Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses*

Nonoperating revenues consists of funding from Caltrans DRMT for the administration of the LOSSAN Agency, including funding for marketing, operations for train and bus feeder services and minor projects for facility improvements. Nonoperating revenues and expenses also include grant revenues and related expenses for grant programs. In addition, nonoperating revenues and expenses include miscellaneous revenue and interest income earned from the overnight repurchase agreement sweep account. See Note 3.

*(j) Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures during the reporting period. As such, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**3. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Beginning in September 2015, the LOSSAN Agency entered into a fixed interest investment repurchase agreement with Bank of the West, in which the daily balance of its checking account is transferred into an overnight sweep account. Under the repurchase agreement, the LOSSAN Agency earns a fixed .05% interest rate on the daily amount transferred to the sweep account, regardless of any fluctuation in the market price of the underlying securities purchased by the bank. Each business day, the bank automatically transfers the balance in the sweep account and interest earned back into the LOSSAN Agency bank deposit account. The amount swept into the overnight sweep account as of June 30, 2017 is \$25,406,198.

The repurchase agreement is measured at cost, based upon the deposit account value that is transferred to the sweep account.

The LOSSAN Agency has setup an Operating Reserve Fund in accordance with the ITA. Funds provided by the state for train operations which exceed the actual billings, are considered surplus funds and can be used to fund future variability in operating costs that may vary from the budgeted amount. The maximum level of funds allowed to be retained is 12.5% of the state subsidy level in the most recently completed Amtrak contract year. As of June 30, 2017 the Operating Reserve Fund balance is \$4,312,377.



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**4. Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. California Government Code Section 53652 requires California banks and savings and loan associations to secure governmental deposits by pledging government securities as collateral. The market value of pledged securities must equal at least 110% of the agency's deposits.

Under the terms of the repurchase agreement with the bank, amounts transferred into the overnight sweep account for investment by the bank is not a deposit and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or guaranteed by the government. The LOSSAN Agency retains a security interest in the amount of collateral placed into the sweep account, which is in a U.S. Treasury Note. Pursuant to the Master Repurchase Agreement the amounts in the overnight repurchase agreement sweep account are collateralized 102 percent with the collateral held by the bank's custodian.

If the bank were to fail, the LOSSAN Agency would be treated as either the owner of the securities or as a secured creditor of the bank. If the aggregate market value of the LOSSAN Agency's security were to decline, the LOSSAN Agency would become an unsecured creditor of the Bank to the extent that the aggregate market value becomes less than the account balance and accrued interest.

Upon completion of the daily sweep, funds transferred back into the LOSSAN Agency checking deposit account on a daily basis are considered deposits and the amounts are covered by federal depository insurance or were collateralized by the pledging financial institution as required by Section 53652 of the California Government Code. Such collateral is held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Agency's name.

**5. Prepaid Expense**

The LOSSAN Agency pays Amtrak on a monthly basis for providing train and bus feeder services. The amount paid is a contractual amount based on Amtrak's anticipated annual costs of operating the service net of projected passenger fares that will be collected. Actual amounts are reconciled on a monthly basis within forty-five days following the end of the month. Any surplus or deficits are applied to the following months invoice. Through the reconciliation of actual expenses through June 30, 2017, the LOSSAN Agency has \$504,133 in prepaid expenses to Amtrak that will be applied to fiscal year 2017-18 operating expenses. The June 2017 advance payment to Amtrak in the amount of \$2,312,599 less the actual expenses for June of \$1,407,864, created an additional \$904,735 in credit to the LOSSAN Agency. However due to the payment being sent in July and received by Amtrak in July, the credit is not recorded as a prepayment for June and will be applied to fiscal year 2017-18 operating expenses.

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**6. Due From Other Governments**

Due from other governments consists of amounts due to the LOSSAN Agency from Caltrans DRMT for minor projects reimbursements, as well as grant revenue from the California Transportation Agency (CalSTA) for transit transfer program reimbursements.

|   | 2017       |
|---|------------|
| Due from Caltrans DRMT for minor projects | \$ 144,489 |
| Due from CalSTA grant reimbursements      | 45,721     |
| Total                                     | \$ 190,210 |

**7. Due To Other Governments**

Due to other governments consists of amounts due to OCTA for administrative services and to various other government agencies for transit services provided under the transit transfer program. The table below provides detail of due to other governments as of June 30, 2017.

|  | 2017       |
|--|------------|
| Due to OCTA for administrative services              | \$ 427,222 |
| Due to transit agencies for transit transfer program | 8,859      |
| Total  | \$ 436,081 |

**8. Unearned Revenue and Other Liabilities**

Unearned revenue consists of amounts received from the State for fiscal year 2017 operating, administrative and marketing funding, in advance of incurring the expenses. It also includes unearned grant revenue from the California Office of Emergency Services for facility security and safety enhancements, and grant revenue from a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant for a transit transfer program. The table below shows detail of unearned revenue as of June 30, 2017.

|   | 2017          |
|---|---------------|
| Unearned advanced train operating funds | \$ 17,084,558 |
| Unearned advanced marketing funds       | 2,277,722     |
| Unearned grant revenue                  | 1,887,000     |
| Unearned advanced administrative funds  | 243,421       |
| Unearned miscellaneous revenue          | 3,961         |
| Total                                   | \$ 21,496,662 |

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**9. Contracted Services for Train Operations**

The LOSSAN Agency negotiates and enters into annual agreements with Amtrak to provide Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service and connecting bus feeder services for the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. A new agreement was entered into beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017. The LOSSAN Agency plans on entering into a new agreement to provide service beginning October 1, 2017.

Payment to Amtrak by the LOSSAN Agency is based on a projected amount mutually agreed to by both parties as part of the agreement. This projected amount is net of related fare revenues. The actual amounts are reconciled and provided to the LOSSAN Agency on a monthly basis. Any surplus or deficits are applied to the following months invoice. The actual net expense for train operations as of June 30, 2017 is \$20,894,595, net of adjustments due to year end reconciliation with Amtrak from results of operations.

**10. Charges for Marketing and Administration**

Effective, November 21, 2013, the Agency entered into an agreement with OCTA to provide administrative support services through the initial term of the ITA (June 30, 2018). In accordance with the agreement, OCTA is reimbursed by the Agency for administrative staff time including an agreed upon overhead rate. Charges from OCTA for these services are highlighted in the table below under administrative services.

The LOSSAN Agency incurs other administrative charges for services such as marketing, legal, insurance, audit, travel and banking service, which are also detailed in the table below.

|                         | 2017                |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Administrative Services | \$ 2,216,532        |
| Marketing Expenses      | 1,340,960           |
| Professional Services   | 64,143              |
| Insurance               | 56,295              |
| Legal Services          | 31,532              |
| Travel                  | 23,684              |
| Audit Services          | 17,880              |
| Other Business Expenses | 15,636              |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$ 3,766,662</b> |

**11. State Funding for Train Operations and Administrative and Marketing**

Effective July 1, 2015, the LOSSAN Agency and the State of California Department of Transportation entered into an interagency transfer agreement (ITA), which transfers the administrative responsibility for the operation of rail services along the LOSSAN corridor. The ITA carries an initial three year term through June 30, 2018. As part of the ITA, the LOSSAN Agency entered into a Master Fund Transfer Agreement (MFTA) with the State. The MFTA provides for State funding, appropriated by the State Budget Act and allocated to the LOSSAN Agency in accordance with the provisions of the MFTA and ITA, for the LOSSAN corridor rail service. In accordance with the MFTA and ITA provisions, funding is contributed towards actual marketing and administrative costs, as well as train operations.



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**12. Grants for Transit Programs**

Beginning in June 2016, the LOSSAN Agency initiated a Pacific Surfliner Transit Transfer Program (Program) on a one year pilot basis, and has since continued the program for an additional year. The Program allows Pacific Surfliner passengers to transfer to connecting transit services by presenting a valid Pacific Surfliner ticket. The program is funded by Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grants awarded by CalSTA. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the allocation of \$1,675,000 for this pilot program. As of June 30, 2017, the total receivable is \$45,721 and is included as part of due from other governments.

The LOSSAN Agency was awarded two grants from the California Office of Emergency Services for security and safety enhancements for rail facilities, both for \$1,887,000. As of June 30, 2017, \$1,887,000 has been recognized as revenue under grants for transit programs and security projects, to offset program expenses. The remaining \$1,887,000 has been deferred until program expenses are incurred.

**13. Commitments and Contingencies**

The LOSSAN Agency has various outstanding contracts. Total outstanding purchase commitments at June 30, 2017 were \$16,906,890. The most significant is with Amtrak at \$15,792,308 which includes \$14,336,505 for train operations and bus feeder services, and \$1,455,773 for facility safety and security enhancements. Other purchase commitments for professional marketing services totaled \$659,386. Administrative and other professional services totaled \$146,446. This amount does not include a value for the administrative services agreement with OCTA, as this is an actual cost based reimbursable agreement. Cooperative agreements in place with other transit agencies for the Transit Transfer Program totaled \$308,780 as of June 30, 2017.

**14. Risk Management**

As part of the annual operating agreement with Amtrak, Amtrak is responsible to pay any settlement or final judgment of claims against the LOSSAN Agency arising directly from Amtrak's operations of the rail passenger and bus feeder service. The LOSSAN Agency pays an allocated share of the cost of Amtrak's master insurance policies as they relate to the services being provided by Amtrak under contract. The LOSSAN Agency also purchases general liability and excess liability insurance with an aggregate limit of \$4,000,000, errors and omissions public officials' liability of \$1,000,000 and crime liability of \$2,000,000. There have been no claims or settlements that have exceeded insurance coverages within the past three fiscal years.

**15. Concentration of Funding**

Funding for the administration of the LOSSAN Agency as well as funding for marketing, train and bus feeder operations is provided by Caltrans DRMT, and is subject to annual budget appropriation by the California State Legislature (Legislature) and programming by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). This represents 93% of total LOSSAN Agency revenue. There is no guaranty that funding will actually be appropriated by the Legislature and to the extent required, programmed by the CTC.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Directors  
Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency  
Orange, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the LOSSAN Agency's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2017.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the LOSSAN Agency's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the LOSSAN Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the LOSSAN Agency's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the LOSSAN Agency's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Laguna Hills, California

November 6, 2017