

Subcommittee on
LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency

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#### Critical Rail Corridor



Passenger rail dates to 1938



Expanded in 1997 to support growing regions



Supports State's greenhouse gas and VMT reduction efforts



Rail connectivity key to transit investment and expansion



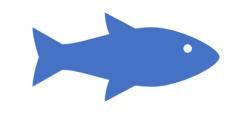
Essential for continued economic development



Ridership rebound continues

# Climate Resiliency Challenges







Coastal erosion threats

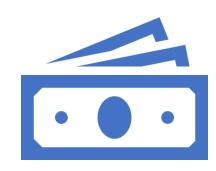
**Sea-level rise** 

**Severe storm events** 

#### Immediate and Shorter-Term Solutions







Public and private owners & operators share priority for uninterrupted rail service

**Existing governance model** 

Overall corridor capital needs outweigh available resources

## Long-Term Leadership & Principles

Local control

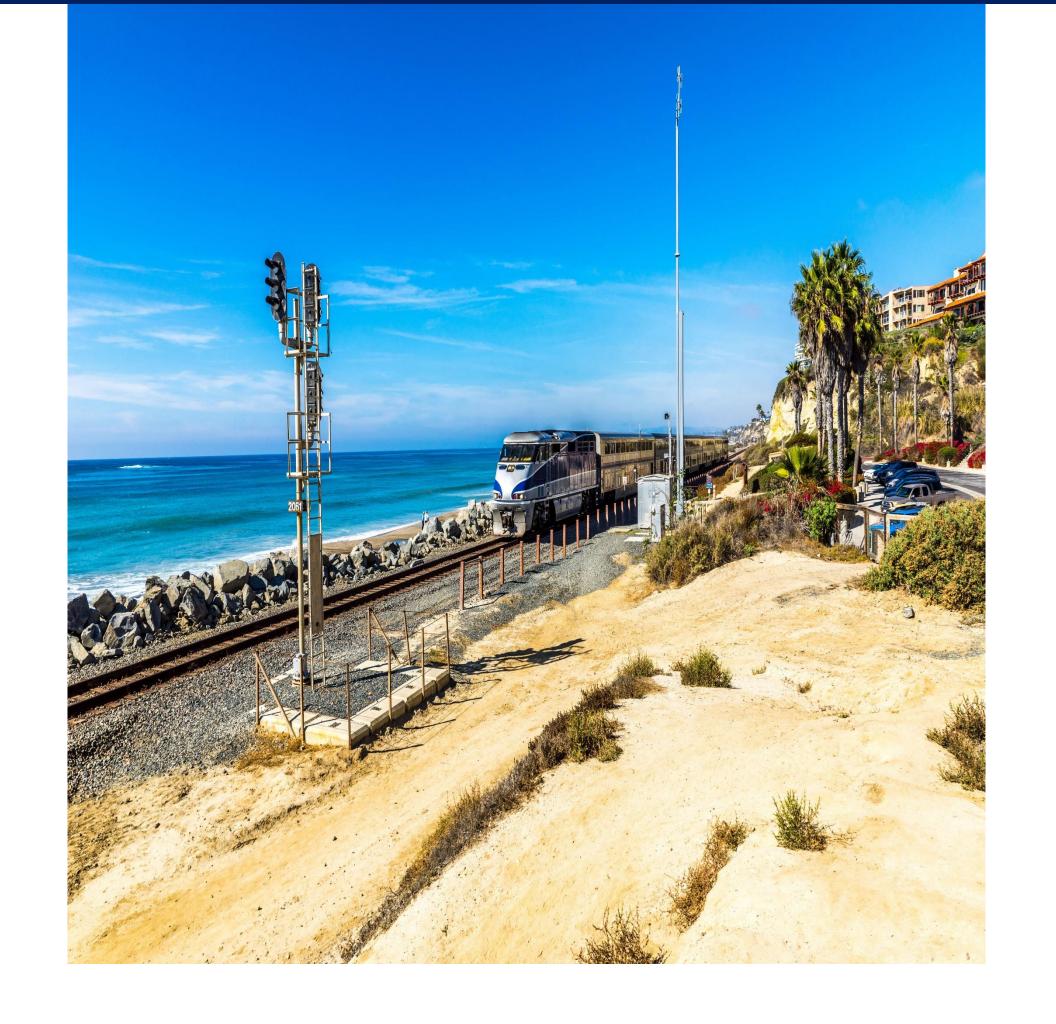
LOSSAN manages state-supported AMTRAK Pacific Surfliner

Key principles to consider in selecting long-term study leader

Transparency, inclusivity, engagement are foundational for success

### **Path Forward**

- Long-term study
  - Ensures proper stakeholder engagement
  - Effective coordination with State regulatory and oversight agencies
  - Singular point of contact and coordination with federal agencies





### **Thanks for Listening**

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