



September 4, 2012

The Honorable Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1779

Dear Governor Brown:

The Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) respectfully requests that you sign Assembly Bill (AB) 1779, which would enable the transfer of administrative responsibility of the San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service from the Department of Transportation to a new joint powers authority.

We appreciate that AB 1779 follows the model of the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA), and is permissive legislation which would enable regional governance/management of the existing San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service in the Bakersfield-Fresno-Stockton-Sacramento-Bay Area corridor.

In addition to more cost effective administration and operations, the CCJPA has shown there are several other potential benefits to local administration of intercity passenger service including stronger advocacy for service improvements, more responsive local decision-making, and enhanced opportunities for joint partnerships.

We support extending the time for creating the Authority and executing an interagency transfer agreement with the Department of Transportation as well as the cost effectiveness provisions of the bill.

We request your signature on AB 1779.

Sincerely,

HONORABLE JOE KELLEJIAN
Chair, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

CC: LOSSAN Board of Directors
Assemblymember Cathleen Galgiani

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