



April 16, 2012

The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani  
California State Assembly  
Room 5155, State Capitol  
Sacramento CA 95814

**SUBJECT: AB 1779 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Galgiani:

On behalf of the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency, I am writing to let you know that our Board of Directors supports AB 1779.

Our member agencies have been working very closely with Senator Alex Padilla on a similar effort for the LOSSAN corridor, SB 1225. That bill will authorize the LOSSAN Joint Powers Authority to serve as the local authority for the state-supported *Pacific Surfliner* intercity passenger rail service, the nation's second busiest intercity rail corridor.

Both initiatives are similar in terms of their major provisions of being permissive and not mandatory, authorizing Caltrans to enter into an Interagency Transfer Agreement pending a cost effectiveness determination, and calls for continued state support for the operations and related functions for their respective corridors. Both initiatives are based on the experiences of the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, which has overseen tremendous growth in service and ridership, achieved high on-time performance, and received high marks in customer satisfaction for the Capitol Corridor, the nation's third busiest intercity corridor.

We look forward to working with you on this important legislation and sincerely appreciate your leadership on this initiative. Please don't hesitate to call me directly at (760) 250-4681 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

HONORABLE JOE KELLEJIAN  
Chair, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

cc: LOSSAN Board of Directors

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