

# Coast Corridor and Project Overview of the Coast Daylight



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#### What is the "CRCC"?

- Planning coalition for the Coast Rail line from Los Angeles to San Francisco since 1992
- Staffed by SLOCOG
- Technical Committee and Policy Committee
- Key objective:
  - Establish direct LA-SF passenger rail service

## Accomplishments/Products

•	Coast Rail Improvement Study	1994
•	Pacific Surfliner extended to SLO	1995
-	Starlight adds stop in Paso Robles	1996
-	Capacity models completed2004, 2008,	2013
-	20+ local resolutions of support	2006
-	\$43 million state funding secured	.2008
-	\$300,000 grant for environmental review	2011
-	Service Development Plan	2013



#### **Active Members**

AMTRAK







SCCRTC Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission













## Agency Objectives

(Assembly Resolution 39 – 1992)

- Upgrade corridor for passenger & freight trains
- Increase service frequency
- Reduce running time
- Increase speeds
- Increase coordination
- Address service gaps



## Support Rail Plans of Partners

Capitol extension to Salinas

Santa Cruz branch line (Pajaro)

Ventura toSanta Barbarapeak-hourservice







### The Coast has been ignored

The Coast is a gap in State service



### **Advantages of Coast Line**

- Immediately implementable
  - Reward CA voters for Prop 1A
- One-seat ride
- Underutilized existing infrastructure
- Low-hanging fruit
- Big bang for the buck
- Coastline buses extremely popular
- 11 universities with 230K+ students

### **Prime Objective:**

- Extend LA-SLO Pacific Surfliner
  - Improve travel time
- What is required?
  - 1. Train Equipment
  - 2. Operating Funds
  - 3. <u>Track access and</u> <u>capital improvements</u>





#### 1. Train Equipment

- Equipment will be maintained out of LA
- One new train set (extension of train #761)
- Amtrak will provide equipment if necessary





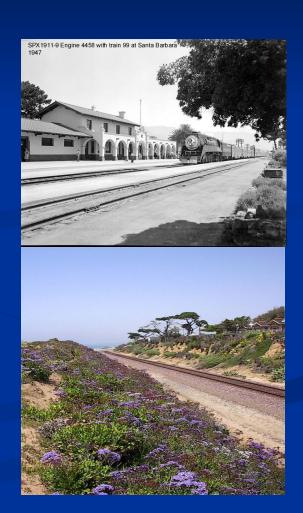
#### 2. Secure Operating Funds

- If equipment available by April 2016
  - Fund estimate includes:
    - \$3 million FY 15/16
    - \$6 million FY 16/17
- Need continued strong local support
- Need state legislative leadership



#### 3. Agreement from Railroads

- 3 capacity simulations completed
- Negotiations with UPRR stalled
  - Capital projects identified are excessive
- \$43 million programmed
- Amtrak engaged for feasibility study now



#### **Next steps**

- Secure railroad access approval ......2014
  - UPRR, Caltrain
- Program capital funds
  - Existing & future (cap & trade)
- Integrate Daylight in LOSSAN Business Plan
- Finalize equipment availability ......2015
- Implement ......2016+



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