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LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency Accelerates Post-COVID Recovery with Onboard Connectivity Upgrade

Rediscovering the premium passenger experience for Southern California travelers with the highest quality passenger Wi-Fi

February 22nd, 2022, BETHESDA, MD – EQUANS, through its subsidiary Icomera, is delivering next-generation connectivity to the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency, providing the Pacific Surfliner service with the highest quality passenger Wi-Fi.

The Pacific Surfliner travels along a 351-mile coastal rail route through San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, serving 27 stations. It is the busiest state-supported intercity passenger rail route in the United States with 26 daily trains and pre-pandemic annual ridership of nearly 3 million.

This investment is just one of LOSSAN's strategies for enhancing passenger amenities. As noted in the LOSSAN Business Plan, key priorities include "Wi-Fi improvement, along with customer communications, train status information, and passenger information and station improvements".

"We know the importance of providing stable Wi-Fi for our passengers" said Donna DeMartino, LOSSAN Agency Managing Director. "Whatever the purpose of their travel, the ability to stay connected truly is invaluable."

Over the years, Wi-Fi service has proven to be a popular passenger amenity. To answer passenger demands, LOSSAN has partnered with Icomera, by way of Amtrak, to improve the speed and reliability of the onboard Wi-Fi service to raise the overall travel experience. In a post-COVID world, LOSSAN is reaffirming the ability to entertain the leisure travelers with increased reserved seating service and Wi-Fi.

"We understand the role of intercity rail operations, as both a premier travel option for the longer distance business traveler, as well as for the discretionary leisure traveler," said Gabriel Lopez-Bernal, Vice





President of Sales & Marketing for Icomera in North America. "Because of this, we have designed and manufactured an advanced mobile router to meet the criteria for operational success."

Pacific Surfliner passengers will experience reliable Internet connectivity by way of Icomera's X-Series Mobile Gateway, delivering a significantly improved <u>operator</u> and passenger experience for a <u>Connected Journey</u>. Based on the historic performance of similar passenger Wi-Fi upgrades across intercity fleets, the upgrades will allow 35-52% more devices to connect to the onboard network, delivering 34-48% more data per trip.

"Keeping LOSSAN's passengers entertained, informed and productive throughout the journey is one of the easiest ways to improve the onboard experience," says Magnus Friberg, Chief Executive Officer of lcomera. "Having Internet connectivity on the move is no longer seen as a luxury amenity for passengers, but a necessary service that operators must offer to remain competitive."

The Pacific Surfliner is funded by the state of California through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and is managed by the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency.



Image: LOSSAN Pacific Surfliner (View Full Resolution)

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About LOSSAN

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency is a joint powers authority composed of rail owners, operators, and planning agencies along the entire LOSSAN rail corridor. In addition to working to improve passenger rail ridership, revenue, on- time performance, operational flexibility, and safety, the LOSSAN Agency assumed management responsibility for the Pacific Surfliner service in July 2015, following the execution of an interagency transfer agreement with the state of California. For more information, visit <u>lossan.org</u>.