



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of March 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 4-H

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SUBJECT:

San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority 2025 Draft Business Plan

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

To protect the existing San Joaquin Rail Service and to promote its improvement, in 2012, local and regional agencies throughout most of the San Joaquins Corridor (Bakersfield-Fresno-Modesto-Stockton-Sacramento-Oakland) sponsored and supported Assembly Bill 1779 (AB 1779). This bill enabled regional government agencies to form the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPA) to take over the administration and management of the existing San Joaquin Rail Service from the State.

The primary role of SJPA is the day-to-day management of the San Joaquins. In 2019, SJPA selected the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRC) as its Managing Agency. SJRC's consolidated agency approach results in the most efficient and cost-effective management of the San Joaquin Valley's two passenger rail services. SJPA will provide the level of service consistent with funding appropriated by the State and any cost savings identified by SJPA or revenues in excess of the Business Plan projections, which may be used by SJPA for service improvements in the San Joaquins Corridor.

The purpose of this 2025 SJPA Business Plan Update ("Business Plan") is to identify SJPA's intentions for State Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 and FY 2026/27 in its management of the San Joaquins Intercity Passenger Rail Service (San Joaquins) and to request the annual funds required by SJPA to operate, administer, and market the San Joaquins. This Business Plan also describes planned service and capital improvements to ensure the continued success and future growth of the San Joaquins. This Business Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) in draft form on April 1, 2025, and will be submitted in final form by June 30, 2025. Anticipated project and program advancement highlighted in the Business Plan includes bringing back a 7th daily round trip and adjusting schedules to better capture ridership changes.

A copy of the Draft Business Plan can be accessed at: <https://sjjpa.com/>

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget.