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Concerns about the project

See attached comment letter from Amtrak and LOSSAN Agency.
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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Subject: Compass Energy Storage Project – San Juan Capistrano - Docket Number 24-OPT-02

Dear Ms. Longman:

National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Compass Energy Storage Project in the City of San Juan Capistrano, Orange County. The LOSSAN Agency manages the *Pacific Surfliner* intercity passenger rail service that runs on the railroad line adjacent to the project site. Amtrak is our partner and operator for the service. Amtrak and the LOSSAN Agency would like to share concerns about the project and risks that this facility may pose to the railroad.

Amtrak and the LOSSAN Agency jointly share concerns related to the geometrics of the crossing design. The proposed facility is in an area where the service operates at 90 miles per hour. We both have significant reservations related to the anticipated increase in large industrial vehicles utilizing this crossing in the proposal. Large industrial vehicles at grade crossings pose a significant and realized risk that has resulted in derailments of Amtrak trains and the loss of lives onboard the trains. In the interest of both rail and public safety, we jointly do not support this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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