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Mr. Jim Blair
Senior Director, Host Railroads
National Railroad Passenger Corporation
30th Street Station Philadelphia, PA 19104

Dear Mr. Blair:

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) has recently approved an October 25, 2021 Amtrak schedule change for Pacific Surfliner trains, 561, 562, 564, 565, 566, 569, 572, 573, 578, 579, 580, 583, 584, 590, 591, 593, 595, 759, 763, 767, 768, 774, 777, 782, 785, 792, 796, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1569, 1572, 1573, 1584, 1590, 1591, 1761 and 1767 and Amtrak trains, 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, and 14. SCRRA is agreeable to joint certification of Amtrak Schedules dated October 25 2021 under the *Metrics and Minimum Standards for Intercity Passenger Rail Service*, final rule published November 16, 2020.

In the coming months Metrolink will begin construction on several projects that are part of Metrolink's Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) program. SCORE is a \$10 billion capital improvement program including grade crossing, station, and signal improvements as well as track additions. These upgrades to Metrolink's system will change the dynamics of all services that utilize our system. It is expected that Metrolink will continually reevaluate the customer's needs, train schedules and train slots through the period of construction and once the SCORE projects are completed.

Moving forward, our staff will monitor the performance of the new and all future schedules. SCRRA looks forward to working with Amtrak to address any concerns that may arise. SCRRA remains a supportive partner and will continue to work collaboratively with Amtrak and LOSSAN to ensure performance is compliant with the *Metrics and Minimum Standards for Intercity Passenger Rail Service*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren M. Kettle".

Darren M. Kettle
Chief Executive Officer

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