

San Diego Regional Rail Alternative Alignment Study

Fact Sheet

LOSSAN Rail Corridor

The Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor is the only rail connection between San Diego and the rest of the state and nation. Landslides, rapid erosion, and seismic activity along the Del Mar bluffs have repeatedly caused the rail corridor to shut down to address safety concerns. Recent stabilization efforts provide short-term protection, but a long-term solution requires immediate action to realign the tracks underground now.

Project Overview

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is leading the Alternative Alignment and Improvements Study which analyzes ways to reduce travel times, enhance safety, and increase capacity along the entire San Diego segment of the corridor. One aspect of the study is to evaluate potential double track alignments between San Dieguito and Sorrento Valley that would move the tracks completely off the eroding bluffs.

Five tunnel alignments first identified in 2017 have since been refined based on engineering, construction, operational considerations, and impacts to the community resulting in two preferred alignments. An in-depth analysis of the proposed routes is anticipated to be shared this late 2022/early 2023.

Outreach and Public Comment

Since 2017, SANDAG has provided regular updates on the project and sought public feedback. As the study progresses and the project moves into environmental review, SANDAG will continue to provide opportunities for community engagement through social media, listening sessions, community meetings, and more.

LOSSAN Rail Corridor Facts



- » 351 miles stretching from San Luis Obispo to downtown San Diego
- » Nation's second busiest intercity rail corridor (Amtrak, 2019)
- » Carries nearly 8 million riders annually (NCTD, Amtrak, Metrolink, 2019)
- » Transports \$1 billion in goods (BNSF)
- » Part of Defense Department's Strategic Rail Corridor Network (STRACNET), providing access to military bases throughout San Diego

Schedule

December 2017 Completed Conceptual Engineering Study

Identified five potential double track tunnel alignments between Del Mar and Sorrento Valley

July 2020 Initiated Alternative Alignment and Improvement Study

Evaluated conceptual tunnel alignment options

2021 Continued Alternative Alignment and Improvement Study

Refined conceptual tunnel alignment options in response to stakeholder feedback

June 2022 Secured \$300 million in State funding

New funding will allow SANDAG to begin environmental analysis, study potential impacts, address stakeholder concerns and identify future costs

September 2022 SANDAG Board Meeting

SANDAG Board of Directors accepts \$300 million in State monies for environmental and engineering work over five years

Late 2022/Early 2023* Present Alternative Alignment Options

SANDAG intends to share preliminary results from the Alternative Alignment and Improvement Study

Early 2023* Public Information Session(s)

SANDAG hopes to obtain feedback on the proposed alignment options

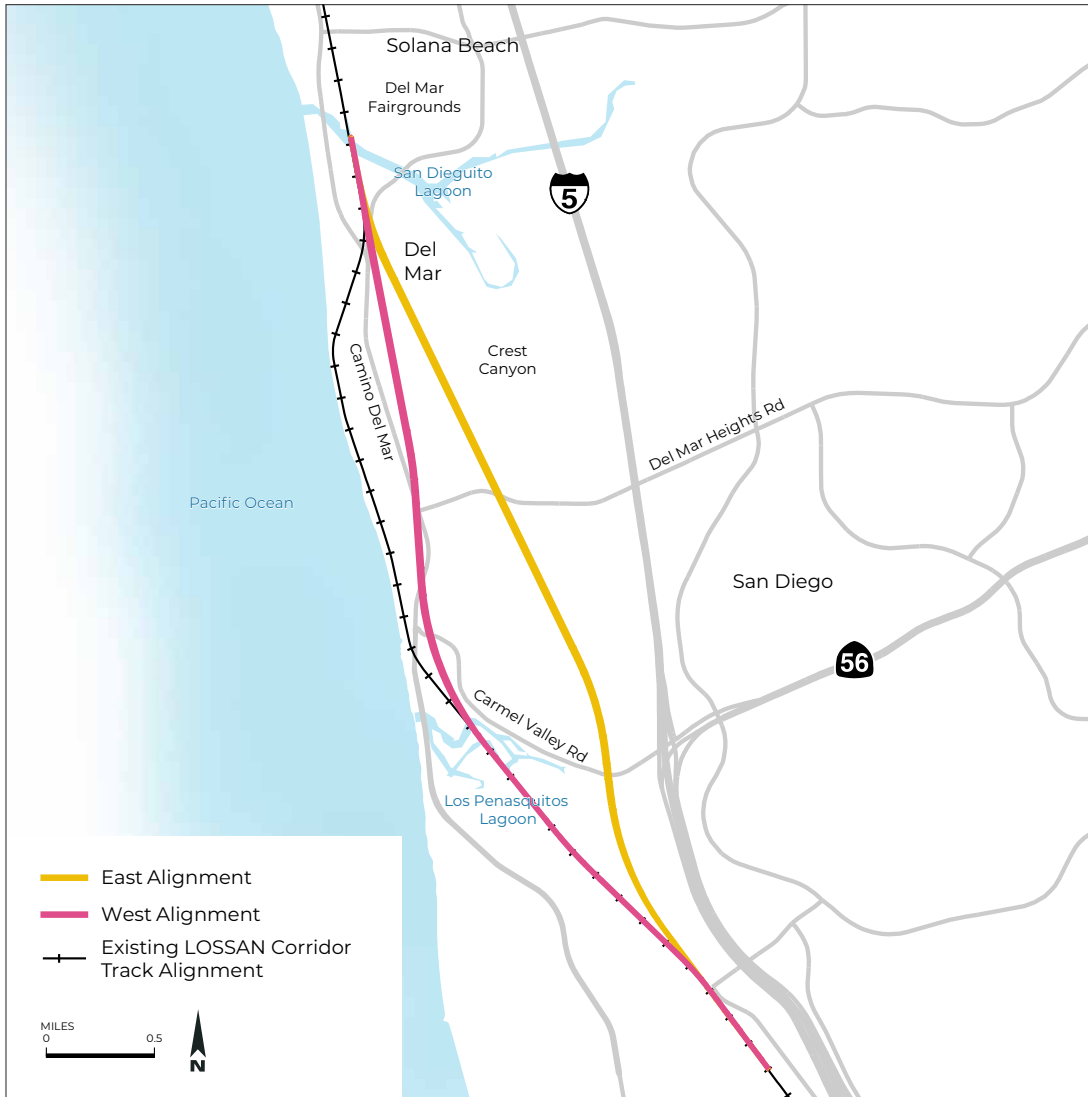
Spring 2023* Review Public Feedback

Comments and concerns will be analyzed and addressed in the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Clearance phase

Summer 2023* Prepare Findings

Consolidate findings identifying alternative alignments

*Anticipated future events subject to change



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