

San Dieguito Double Track & Special Events Platform

Fact Sheet

Project Cost

Estimated Project Cost:
\$347 million

Funding Sources:

- Federal Railroad Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program
- Interregional Transportation Improvement Program
- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program
- State of California Senate Bill 1
- Federal Highway Administration
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
- The Infrastructure for Rebuilding America – Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects program

The Project

SANDAG and the North County Transit District (NCTD) are leading efforts to replace the 107-year-old wooden trestle San Dieguito Rail Bridge, add 2.1 miles of track improvements, including 1.1 miles of new double track between Solana Beach and Del Mar, and add a special events platform at the Del Mar Fairgrounds for Amtrak Pacific Surfliner and NCTD COASTER trains.

The existing San Dieguito Rail Bridge, built in 1916, is near the end of its service life and requires frequent and expensive maintenance. There also is a need to raise the bridge and approaches to meet federal requirements for avoiding floods that could cause bridge and track damage or failure.

The new rail bridge will consist of two single-track structures. Other rail improvements include the construction of new turnouts, signals, retained embankments, utility relocations, and drainage facilities. The new bridge and tracks will be elevated above the 100-year storm flood level to reduce potential impact to the railroad line during severe storms, high river water levels (king tides) and sea level rise flooding.

The double tracking will eliminate a significant bottleneck between Solana Beach and Del Mar. Once the project is completed, trains will no longer have to sit idle waiting at a siding as another train uses the single track.

The second main track will start in Solana Beach trench, just north of Dahlia Street. It will continue over a mile south across the San Dieguito Lagoon, resulting in a continuous 2.1-mile stretch of double track. A universal track crossover will also be installed between the tracks to enable trains to reach the new platform from either direction.

The new special events platform will be located on the west side of the fairgrounds to reduce vehicular traffic congestion and provide improved transit options for special event attendees. The platform, upper passenger connection ramps, and stairs will be constructed within the existing North County Transit District (NCTD) owned railroad right-of-way. The platform will accommodate trains with as many as ten cars and is expected to reduce traffic on local streets during special events.

Corridor Strategy

The LOSSAN rail line is a vital component of the north-south corridor through the San Diego region. The NCTD COASTER commuter rail service, Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner intercity service, and BNSF Railway freight service all rely upon this segment of track. This project, combined with others in the rail corridor, will reduce travel times for passengers, improve system reliability and goods movement, reduce passenger and truck volumes on Interstate 5 (I-5), and provide for increased passenger and freight rail services in the future.

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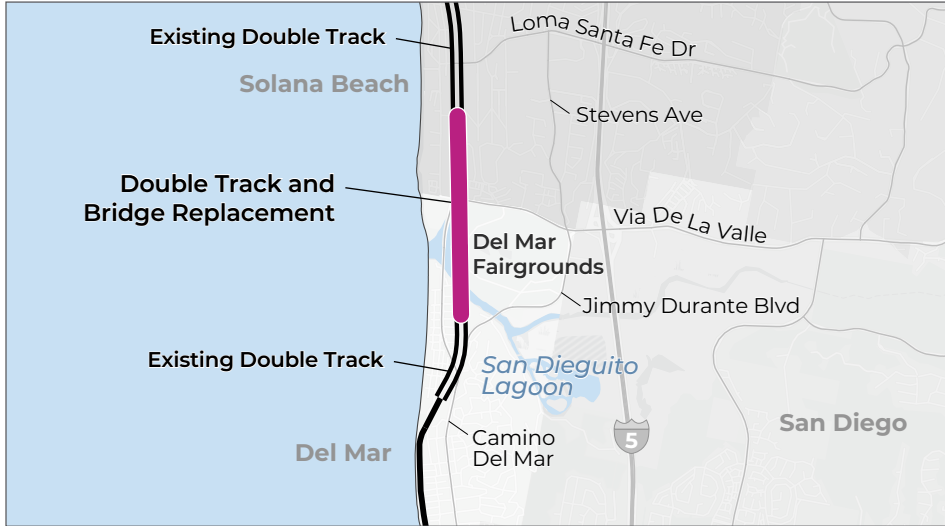
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Project Status

The double tracking, bridge replacement, and special events platform are funded through final engineering and through construction. The environmental review process was completed in January 2016.

For More Information

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