

# San Diego LOSSAN Rail Realignment CEQA Scoping Meeting

## **Agenda**

### 6:00 p.m. Scoping Meeting Presentation

### **Topics:**

- Future of LOSSAN Corridor
- CEQA Process

- Past Planning Efforts
- Updated Alternative Alignments

### 6:30 p.m. Open House

#### **Information Stations:**

- Alternative Alignments
- CEQA Process
- Tunneling

### **Public Comment Options:**

- Written comment card
- Online portal

• Individual verbal comments with court reporter

6:45 p.m. Verbal Public Comment (Speaker Slip Needed)

7:30 p.m. Event Ends

# Learn more about the project and view the Updated Notice of Preparation and Post Value Analysis Study Assessment



LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project



Updated Notice of Preparation (NOP)



Post Value Analysis Study Assessment

### **Share Your Feedback**

The public comment period closes on Monday, June 30. Share your feedback on the proposed routes and potential environmental effects.

### **✗** SANDAG.org/railrealignment



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### **Project Goal**

To maintain and enhance passenger and freight service along the San Diego segment of the LOSSAN rail corridor.

### **CEQA Project Objectives**

- Improve rail service reliability by minimizing risks from climate change, including consideration of sea level rise, flooding, and the stability of the coastal bluffs.
- Maintain passenger rail service to Solana Beach and Sorrento Valley and accommodate direct rail
  access to the 22nd District Agricultural Association (Del Mar Fairgrounds) while minimizing disruptions
  to passenger and freight service during construction.
- Minimize impacts to existing homes, businesses, tourism, and major economic generators, including the Del Mar Fairgrounds, and transportation facilities during and after construction.
- Avoid and/or minimize negative effects, and where possible enhance biological, cultural, and
  recreational resources of national, state, or local significance, including publicly owned parks,
  recreational trails, beaches, wetlands, ecological reserves, wildlife or waterfowl refuges, and any publicly
  or privately owned historic site listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Help meet the goals of the 2021 Regional Plan and the 2024 California State Rail Plan by increasing passenger and freight train capacity, further reducing travel times, improving reliability, and considering existing and planned investments.
- Improve coastal access and safety by eliminating at-grade railroad crossings and minimizing points of interaction between rail and all other modes of transportation.
- Demonstrate good public stewardship by delivering the project in a timely way that considers prior and ongoing investments, construction, right-of-way, operations, and maintenance costs.

## Glossary of Terms

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	CEQA is a process that requires public agencies to "look before they leap" and consider the environmental consequences of their actions. CEQA is intended to inform government decision-makers and the public about the potential environmental effects of proposed activities and to prevent significant, avoidable environmental damage. (https://lci.ca.gov/ceqa/)
Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	An EIR (Environmental Impact Report) is a document that is required to comply with CEQA. The purpose of an EIR is to analyze and disclose a project's potential significant effects on the environment and identify avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures.
CEQA Scoping Meeting	A scoping meeting provides an overview of the project and the environmental process, while serving as a platform to receive input from the public and stakeholders on topics that should be addressed in the future EIR.
Notice of Preparation (NOP)	An NOP asks for input from agencies, organizations, and the public on the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the Draft EIR.