

# SAN YSIDRO FREIGHT RAIL YARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## FACT SHEET



### The Project

The San Ysidro Freight Rail Yard has been at its current location since the early 1900s. The project replaced aging rail infrastructure and expanded the facility's existing footprint to increase freight capacity and efficiency. The improvements will provide more opportunities for cargo transfer and will eliminate some truck trips on freeways in the region.



the rail yard. Additionally, the project included drainage improvements to alleviate flooding and sediment build-up.



### The Need

The existing rail yard is adjacent to steep, undeveloped hillsides to the northeast, making the site prone to flooding during storms. Floods put the rail yard and tracks out of service, which further exacerbated the operational constraints and limited the efficient movement of goods in the region. The project corrected the drainage deficiencies by constructing storm drain facilities, including detention and desiltation basins, grated catch basins, and storm drain pipelines. Other improvements, such as lighting and fencing, were constructed to improve safety and security.

### Project Costs

The total project cost was \$40.4 million.

### Project Status

Construction on the project began in February 2014 and was completed in fall 2016.

### Funding Status

The project was funded by a mix of local, state, and federal dollars, including federal grants, the California Trade Corridor Improvement Fund, and *TransNet*, the regional half-cent sales tax for transportation administered by SANDAG.

This project constructed two new track extensions and reconfigured the track within the rail yard to provide additional storage capacity and the ability to switch rail cars outside of the constrained operating windows without interrupting the Trolley service operated by the Metropolitan Transit System. The project also improved access and circulation by building a new truck access road, a new one-way entrance on East Beyer Boulevard, and more offloading areas within



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