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San Dieguito Double Track and Special Events Platform

Open House in Del Mar on Planned Rail Improvements

On October 30, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), in coordination with the North County Transit District (NCTD) and Caltrans, held an open house at Powerhouse Community Center in Del Mar to give the public the opportunity to learn more about the project. The project team presented the track, bridge, and special events platform preferred alternative that will be carried forward for the next phase of engineering and environmental study.

SANDAG is in the early engineering phase of the project, which will add a new special events platform at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, construct a mile of second main line track from Solana Beach into Del Mar, and replace the nearly 100-year-old wooden trestle rail bridge over the San Dieguito River.

The project team shared with open house attendees the details of the preferred alternative, an eastern track alignment with side-loading platforms, that will be carried forward into the next phase of design. This alignment is closest to the fairgrounds and maximizes the area for potential lagoon expansion and enhancement. Additionally, it shifts the tracks furthest from the nearby residences south of the San Dieguito River. View the details of the track alignment and a photo illustration of the preferred track placement near the bridge.



Attendees asked questions directly to the project team at the public information open house.



Questions from Open House Answered

More than 50 interested residents and business owners came out to ask questions and provide input to the project team. SANDAG Chairman Jack Dale offered opening remarks and facilitated the question and answer session with Project Manager Linda Culp. Many of the attendees asked questions about the special events platform and its planned operation. To answer many of these questions directly, SANDAG has updated the project's Frequently Asked Questions to reflect the project information we know today.

View the Meeting Materials

If you were unable to attend the meeting last month, but would like to review the open house materials for more information on the project, please visit the Documents section on KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SDDT. Additionally, some of our meeting materials are featured below.

Up Next:

Spring 2014

SANDAG and NCTD will host another open house in Solana Beach on the project's technical studies and bridge and platform design.

Project Map



For More Information:

Additional public information meetings are planned in the future. Please visit

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Corridor-Wide Improvements

This project is one of many underway that will help advance efforts to double track the majority of the corridor's rail system between the San Diego/Orange County line and Downtown San Diego by 2050.

The project is funded through preliminary engineering and environmental phases. Although not funded for construction, the SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has construction slated between 2020 and 2030. The project does not include plans for a future tunnel to relocate the existing single-track rail segment along the Del Mar Bluffs, which is anticipated in the SANDAG 2050 RTP between 2040 and 2050.

As a companion to the I-5 freeway, the San Diego segment of the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) corridor plays a critical role in the movement of people and goods within the region's North Coast Corridor. Please visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SDDT for more project information or email us to receive updates about the project in the future.

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