

San Dieguito Double Track and Special Events Platform Project (SDDT)

Del Mar City Council
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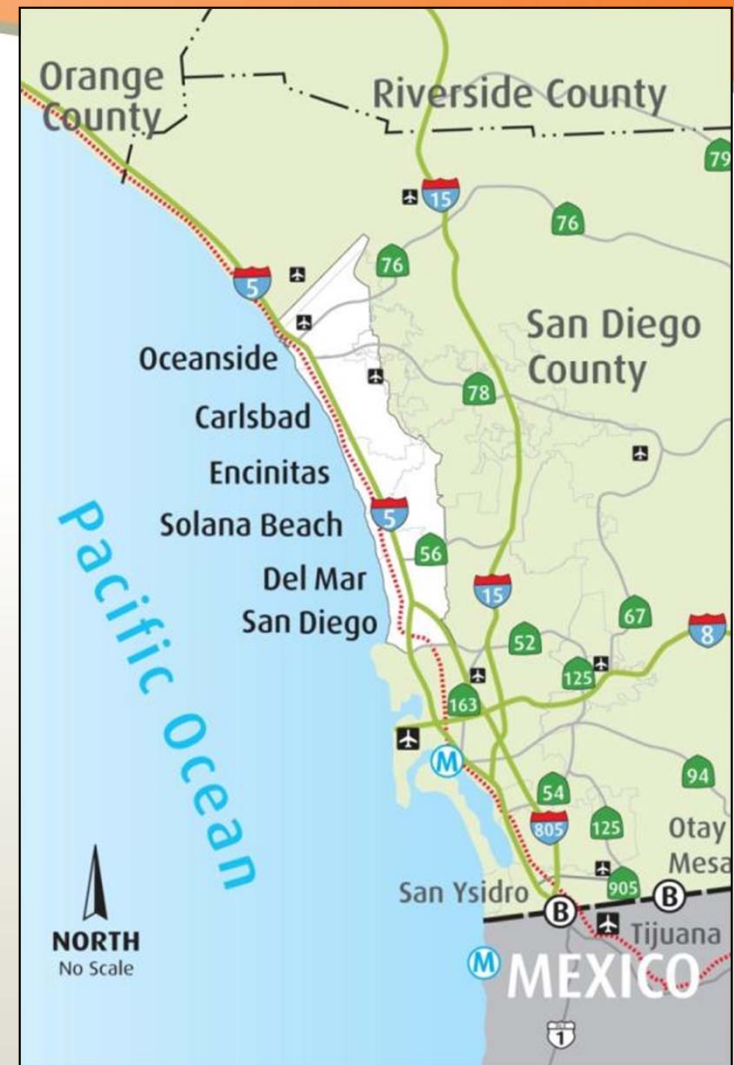


LOSSAN Coastal Rail Line

- SANDAG working in collaboration with NCTD, Caltrans, Federal Railroad Administration and other agencies
- Goal: double track 97% of the coastal rail corridor from OC to downtown SD by 2030
- More than 50% of corridor double tracked
- Raising rail line in floodways to meet federal standards (climate change)

North Coast Corridor Program

- 27 miles – 6 cities – 6 lagoons
- Oceanside to La Jolla
- Economic lifeline for the region
- Creating a comprehensive transportation blueprint for the next 40 years



The NCC Program: A Comprehensive Approach



North Coast Corridor

A better environment for the future

A \$6.5 billion integrated program that includes:



Highway, bike and
pedestrian improvements



Coastal rail and transit
improvements



Environmental
enhancements

San Dieguito Project Elements

- Double Track
 - Solana Beach to Jimmy Durante Blvd.
- Bridge Replacement
 - Over San Dieguito River
- Special Events Platform
 - At Fairgrounds
- Does not address future removal of rail line from Del Mar Bluffs (2040-2050)

Project Location



Goal: To enhance rail services and provide an attractive alternative to solo driving in the busy I-5 corridor:

- Improve rail reliability (on-time trains)
- Increase rail capacity (passengers and goods)
- Increase the level of service (more trains)
- Provide direct service to a major activity center
- Improve lagoon flows and coastal habitat

Bridge Replacement

- Existing wooden trestle bridge dates back to 1916
- Costly maintenance
- Replacement includes two tracks
- Must maintain service during construction – built in two phases



Existing San Dieguito Bridge

Bridge Replacement

- New bridge to be raised to meet federal standards for flooding
- Wider spans will improve tidal flow and lagoon health
- Bridge will be built in existing railroad right-of-way
- Options east and west of current alignment
- Public access to coast

Double Track

- Adds 1.1 miles of double track within existing railroad right of way
- Results in 2.8 mile segment of double track
- Maintain Via De La Valle and Camino Del Mar Overpasses
- Raises track to meet federal standards for flooding
- Alternatives - east and west of current alignment

Special Events Platform

- Add a new seasonal platform only – no station planned
- Offers direct Amtrak and COASTER service to fairgrounds
- Requires access from both tracks
- Two alternatives: side loading and center loading platforms
- Minimal design – no furnishings planned or elevated structures

Platform Examples



Side Loading Platform



Center Loading Platform

New Bridge West of Existing

WEST OPTION



Existing Bridge in place through construction

New Bridge East of Existing

EAST OPTION



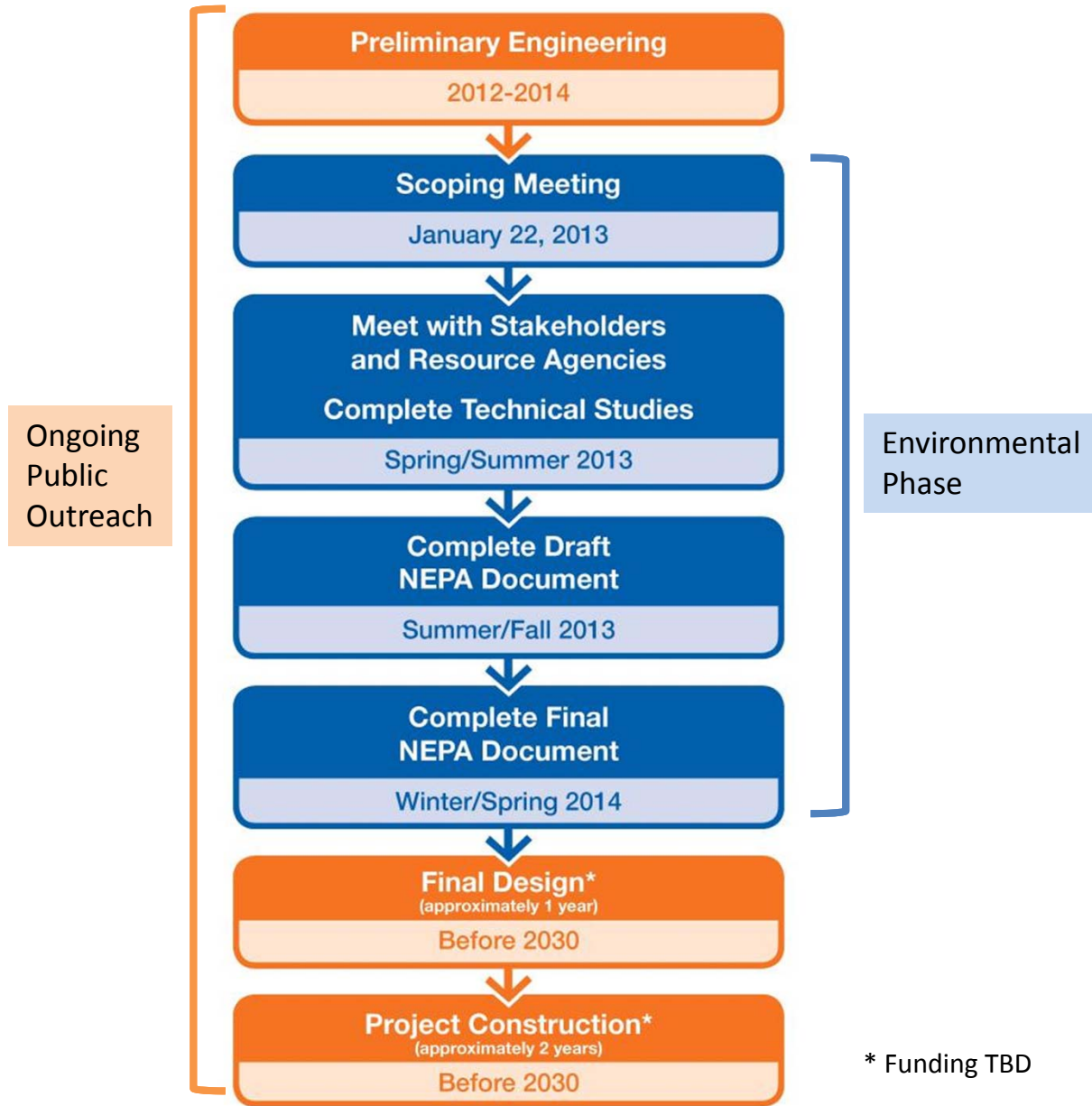
New Bridge East of Existing

EAST CENTER OPTION



- Cultural Resources
- Biological Resources
- Noise/Vibration Impact Analysis
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Visual Impact Assessment
- Environmental Justice Analysis
- Jurisdictional Delineation
- Hydrology, Flow and Water Quality
- Geology and Soils
- Sediment Transport and Scour

Project Timeline



Public Scoping Meeting

- Scoping meeting held January 22, 2013 at Del Mar Hills Academy
- Goal: gain early input on issues to be addressed in NEPA environmental study
- Public comment welcome through February 21, 2013; forms available online



Public Involvement

- Ongoing public involvement program planned to exceed NEPA requirements
- Outreach to cities of Del Mar, Solana Beach, environmental orgs., bike/ped groups, Ag. District and regional transit riders
- Technical Working Group - input to SANDAG
- Three public meetings planned plus numerous outreach presentations in Del Mar
- Project newsletter (5,000+ mailed in January)
- Updated project Web page; monthly e-news updates
- Press releases and public meeting notices
- Meet all state/federal Environmental Justice req.

- Technical Working Group
 - Local and regional stakeholders
 - 2 members representing City of Del Mar including citizen member Mark Filanc and city staff
- Coordination with CDM “101” Bridge Replacement and Reach The Beach trail
- Coordination with environmental, regulatory and resource agencies

- Future public meetings on proposed alternatives
- Online information:
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- Sign up to receive project emails
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