

# San Dieguito Double Track and Special Events Platform

## Federal Environmental Review Underway

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is now reviewing a preliminary environmental document for the San Dieguito Double Track and Special Events Platform Project. The environmental document is prepared to analyze the current state of the surrounding environment, potential environmental impacts, project alternatives, and applicable mitigation measures.



The FRA is the lead agency for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and has jurisdiction over the regulation of the construction and operation of rail facilities where the railroad serves as an integral part of interstate commerce and intercity passenger service.

During the next few months, the FRA will review the preliminary environmental document and complete its evaluation of the project. Once the draft environmental document is complete, it will be made available to the public by SANDAG.

## Project Funding Status Update

The project is currently funded through environmental review and preliminary engineering. The financing for this effort includes a federal grant and *TransNet* funds, the voter-approved half-cent sales tax for local transportation projects. Although not currently funded for construction, SANDAG is working to ensure the project remains as competitive as possible for future grant opportunities, which SANDAG could potentially match with additional *TransNet* dollars.

## SANDAG Maintains a Strong Commitment to a Collaborative Process

Throughout the process, SANDAG has worked in collaboration with the public, the cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach, Amtrak, the North County Transit District (NCTD), and the Del Mar Fairgrounds. SANDAG established a Technical Working Group, which offers the cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach regular opportunities to provide early input into the project and ensures transparency and dissemination of up-to-date information during all phases of design. An environmental scoping meeting and an informational open



house were held in 2013. The information gathered at these meetings was taken into consideration by the project team when drafting preliminary engineering plans and the environmental evaluation.

## Future Open House Scheduled for Late 2014

SANDAG and NCTD plan to host another open house in late 2014 after the FRA has completed its review of the environmental document. All public comments received on the project's preliminary environmental document will be reviewed by SANDAG and provided to the FRA.

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## About the Project

- Adds one mile of double track
- Replaces 97-year-old wooden rail bridge
- Adds new special events platform at the fairgrounds
- Includes new pedestrian undercrossing on south end of the rail bridge

## Project Endorsements

The project has been endorsed by the following organizations:

1. Circulate San Diego
2. San Diego Regional Chamber
3. San Diego Tourism Authority
4. Amtrak
5. NCTD
6. Metrolink
7. 22nd District Agricultural Association
8. Del Mar Thoroughbred Club
9. Del Mar Golf Center
10. Premier Food Services



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### Late 2014

SANDAG and NCTD to host Open House #2 in Solana Beach

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