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Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Bridge Replacement Preliminary Work Underway in Advance of Fall Construction

SANDAG recently selected Skanska as the contractor to replace four aging, wooden trestle bridges that cross the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. The project is part of a larger effort to improve rail infrastructure along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor.

The contractor anticipates starting construction on site in fall 2015. Currently, the contractor is procuring the materials needed for construction, as well as finalizing detailed schedules and locating staging areas. Prior to the on site construction start date, the contractor will procure the pre-cast concrete components and the steel pipe shells for use in the pre-drilled Cast-in-Steel-Shells (CISS) construction methodology. This installation technique is quieter than the more commonly used method of driving piles, or columns, with a diesel powered hammer to construct the support structure for the bridges.

The fall season start time will allow the contractor to take advantage of prescheduled Absolute Work Windows (AWW). AWWs are select weekends when all rail traffic is halted during this timeframe to accommodate construction improvements without interruption. During an AWW, no trains will operate in the corridor from late Friday evening through early Monday morning. North County Transit District (NCTD) and Amtrak will post information regarding alternate travel options during these weekends.



The LOSSAN rail corridor looking northwest through the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon.

Project Need and Funding

The rail bridges included in this project were first built between the 1910s and 1930s and have aged beyond the average operating life of 75 years. Replacement of the bridges will reduce maintenance costs and provide more efficient passenger and freight service.

Replacement of the bridges will cost \$31 million, \$14 million of which SANDAG received through a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. These funds will be leveraged with additional money from NCTD and the Federal Transit Administration.

Please visit the project webpage for the latest updates at KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/LPLB.

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Project Map



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