

SR 76 East Segment Project Frequently Asked Questions #9

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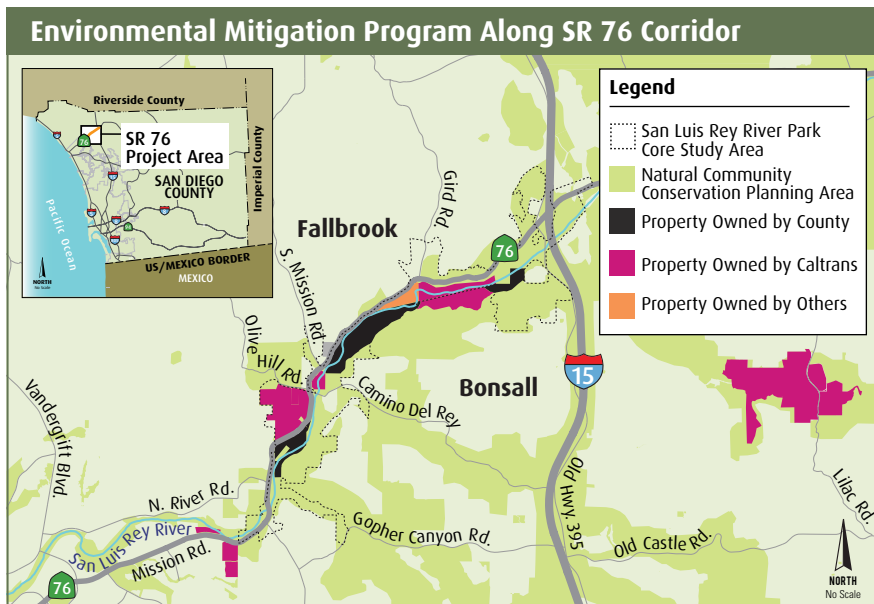
How has the SANDAG Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) helped preserve the rural character of the State Route 76 (SR 76) corridor?

Answer:

The EMP is part of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance approved by voters in November 2004. The entire program provides \$850 million to acquire land in advance of projects, in larger parcels, and at lower costs. It allows SANDAG to comprehensively mitigate impacts of major transportation infrastructure improvement projects and programs instead of mitigating impacts project by project.

For the SR 76 Corridor between I-5 and I-15, the EMP has slated \$80 million to protect, preserve and restore habitat. To date, nearly 1,600 acres of land has been purchased to support habitat conservation and the San Luis Rey River Park Plan. Purchased properties include:

- ▶ Rancho Lilac Property, providing 902 acres of land in the unincorporated area of Valley Center.
- ▶ Groves Property, providing 268 acres at the southwest corner of SR 76 and Olive Hill Road in Bonsall.
- ▶ Morrison Property, providing 137 acres southwest of Gird Road and SR 76 in Bonsall bordering the San Luis Rey River.
- ▶ Jeffries Ranch Property, providing 80 acres between Melrose Drive and East Vista Way.



As part of the SR 76 East Segment Project, the team is currently restoring the following properties:

- ▶ Vessels Property, providing 162 acres along the south side of the San Luis Rey River, south of SR 76 and west of I-15.
- ▶ Tabata Property, providing 23 acres along the south side of the San Luis Rey River, south of SR 76 and west of I-15.

To learn more, visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/EMP. Additionally, you can reference the interactive story map highlighting key habitat acquisitions [here](#). For EMP efforts along the SR 76 corridor, please click [here](#) for the fact sheet.

Improving Your Travel and Environment

SR 76 is another *TransNet* project creating a better future for our community by reducing traffic congestion, delivering more travel choices, and protecting the area's rural beauty and native habitat.

Thank you for your continued interest while we work to improve the community and natural resources, and help sustain economic growth.