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**AGENDA
 SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 Friday, February 1, 2013

Hope United Methodist Church
 16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway
 (Corner of Bernardo Center Drive and Bernardo Heights Parkway,
 on top of hill) Rancho Bernardo

In order to conduct the meetings effectively, the Chair has asked the Citizens Advisory Committee appointees to please sit at the front of the room. Alternates (who are not sitting in for the regular appointee) and others present are invited to sit in the rows behind the committee. Discussion during the meeting will be conducted by the appointees. Alternates and others are welcome to address the committee during the public comment period or if recognized by the Chair during the meeting. Speaker slips are available. It is important that CAC members comply with the Chair's Meeting Procedures and maintain decorum and politeness at all times. A quorum is a simple majority of current members. **The Chair cannot start the meeting until a quorum is present. PLEASE ARRIVE BY 10:25 A.M!** The CAC may take action on any item listed on the Consent or Discussion/Action agenda, but only when a quorum is present. If a quorum is temporarily lost during the meeting, no further discussion will take place until the quorum is regained. If the quorum is not regained, the meeting will be adjourned. **Please advise the Chair at the beginning of the meeting if you must leave before 12:15 p.m.**

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<u>Roll Call and Introductions</u>	Chair
<i>Late arrivals should speak to staff to make sure their attendance is noted.</i>	
<u>Approval of October 5, 2012 Minutes</u>	
<u>Chair's Report</u>	Chair
<u>Executive Director's Report</u>	Staff
<u>Public Comment</u>	Public

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports
 - a. Project Review Committee (oral report)
 - b. Trails Committee (oral report)
2. Double-Tracking and Seasonal Platform Presentation – SANDAG

INFORMATION

3. Citizen Science Grant Presentation – Leana Bulay, SDRP Interpretive Ranger
4. 22nd DAA Coastal Development Permit Update
5. Park Project Status
 - a. Lagoon Trailside Open Air Classroom
 - b. Bridge Lighting
6. Communications An opportunity for any CAC member or the public to bring to the CAC's attention a project or activity not reviewed by the Project Review Committee in their reports.

Adjournment

Chair

If you have any questions, please call Dick Bobertz at (858) 674-2270.

Agenda Item 2
February 1, 2013

TO: CAC

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: San Dieguito Lagoon Doubletracking and Seasonal Platform Presentation

At today's meeting, Linda Culp, Project Manager at SANDAG, will give a presentation describing the project scope and objectives, alternatives being evaluated, schedule, and other details.

[Click here](#) to read more information online and access other documents.

Attachment: Project Fact Sheet

SAN DIEGUITO DOUBLE TRACK AND FAIRGROUNDS PLATFORM

FACT SHEET



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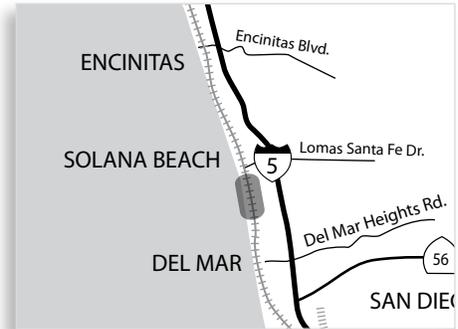
The Project

This project will replace the 96-year-old wooden trestle San Dieguito Railway River Bridge, add 1.1 mile of second mainline rail track south of Solana Beach, and add a special events platform at the Del Mar Fairgrounds for North County Transit District (NCTD) COASTER and Amtrak Pacific Surfliner trains.

The new rail bridge will consist of either one double-track structure or two single-track structures, but bridge capacity for at least one new track will be provided before the existing bridge can be demolished. Possible improvements include construction of new turnouts, signals, retained embankments, and drainage facilities. Some realignment of the tracks is being considered to accommodate the improvements and future rail needs. All of the double tracking falls within the NCTD right-of-way. The new bridge and tracks will be elevated above the 100-year flood plain to reduce potential damage to the rail line during severe storms.

The second main track will start in Solana Beach, just south of Dahlia Street. It will continue 1.1 miles south across the San Dieguito Lagoon, resulting in a continuous 2.8-mile stretch of double track. A universal track crossover also will be installed between the tracks to enable trains to reach the new platform from either direction.

The new special event platform will be located at the Del Mar Fairgrounds adjacent to its west parking lot. The platform will serve seasonal events at the fairgrounds, including the Del Mar racing season and the San Diego County Fair.



The Need

This project is a critical part of the 351-mile Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor and serves as a vital link for passenger and freight movements in San Diego County. The LOSSAN corridor is the second busiest intercity passenger rail line in the United States. Additionally, the corridor is the only viable freight rail link between San Diego and the rest of the nation.

The existing San Dieguito River Bridge, built in 1916, is near the end of its service life and requires frequent and expensive maintenance. There also is a need to raise the bridge and approaches to meet federal requirements for avoiding floods that could cause bridge and track damage or failure.

The double tracking will eliminate a significant bottleneck between Solana Beach and Del Mar. Once the project is completed, trains will no longer have to sit idle waiting at a siding as another train uses the single track. This project also will help reduce the cascading effects of train delays in the LOSSAN corridor.

The special event platform will allow passenger trains to directly serve the Del Mar Fairgrounds, increasing transit ridership and reducing fairgrounds-related congestion.

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The platform will accommodate trains with as many as ten cars and is expected to attract as many as 2,700 passengers per day during key events.

The San Diego rail corridor was built more than 100 years ago. This section is used daily by as many as 70 trains, including COASTER commuter trains, Pacific Surfliner intercity trains, and BNSF Railway freight trains.

This project, combined with others in the rail corridor, will reduce travel times for passengers, improve system reliability and goods movement, reduce passenger and truck volumes on Interstate 5, and provide for increased passenger and freight rail services in the future.

Corridor Strategy

During the next 20 years, SANDAG plans to construct approximately \$800 million in improvements in the San Diego County section of the LOSSAN corridor, including a primary effort to double track the corridor from Orange County to Downtown San Diego. To date, slightly more than half of the county's rail corridor is double tracked, with an additional 11 miles in design or under construction. Eventually, more than 97 percent of the corridor will be double tracked. Other infrastructure improvements

include bridge and track replacements, new platforms, pedestrian undercrossings, and other safety and operational enhancements.

The rail enhancements are part of a strategy to improve all modes of transportation within the congested North Coast Corridor.

Project Status

The double tracking, bridge replacement, and special event platform are funded through preliminary engineering and environmental clearance. The project is not yet funded through construction. The environmental review process will be conducted from early 2013 to early 2014.

Project Cost

Caltrans and SANDAG have secured \$9.5 million for preliminary design and environmental studies. Funding sources include \$2.6 million in local *TransNet* funds, and \$6.9 million in Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) funds from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The preliminary cost of the double tracking, bridge replacement, and special event platform is estimated to be \$100 million in year of expenditure.

For More Information

KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SDDT

The San Dieguito Lagoon lies between Solana Beach and Del Mar.

