

# LOSSAN Rail Resiliency and Realignment

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#### **About SANDAG**

**Metropolitan Planning Organization** 

**STATE** 

Regional Transportation Planning Agency

Regional Transportation
Commission

Responsible for planning, funding, and construction of capital projects

# The San Diego region is home to...

- over 3.3 million people
- \$240 billion economy
- 18 cities and the county of San Diego
- 17 tribal governments
- U.S. Mexico border
- major military installations

## Agenda

LOSSAN Corridor's Importance to the San Diego Region

**Vulnerable Coastal Bluffs** 

SANDAG's Plans and Commitments

**Next Steps** 





# LOSSAN Corridor's Importance to the San Diego Region

## San Diego's Only Rail Connection

#### San Diego depends on LOSSAN

- 1 in 7 CA intercity passengers are in San Diego
- 3 of top 10 CA intercity ridership stations in San Diego County

#### LOSSAN is impacted by San Diego

 Bottlenecks cause delays, limit schedules across Southern California



The LOSSAN (Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo)
Rail Corridor

### **Economic Analysis of LOSSAN in San Diego County**

# Projected results of prolonged Interruption of rail service:

- Increased congestion on I-5 and I-15
- Job losses could be 2,000 to 3,500 annually
- GDP loss could be \$200 to \$400 million per year
- Cumulative GDP losses in the billions of dollars
- Port tenants may relocate to another port with more favorable transportation connections



### **SANDAG's Commitment to LOSSAN**

- 2021 Regional Plan \$7.2B
- Reimagine the rail corridor – Transit Leap Vision of improve safety, capacity, speed
- Fully double, track, 110mph, faster than car





**Vulnerable Coastal Bluffs** 

## Vulnerable Coastal Infrastructure

6 inches

Average annual bluff retreat in Del Mar









## **Bluff Stabilization Efforts are Temporary**



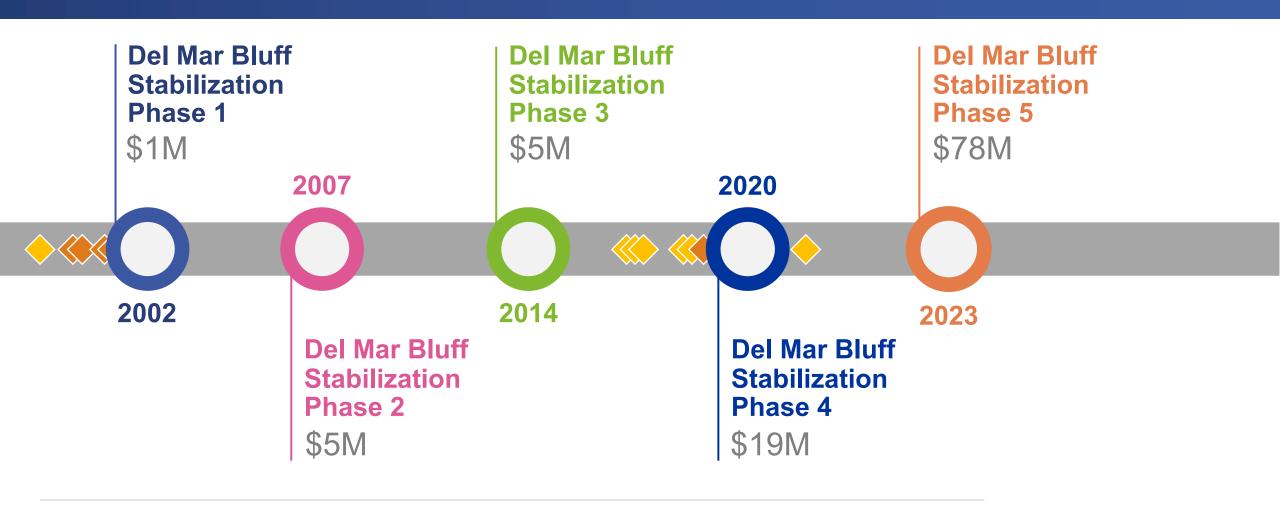








## Bluff Collapse and Stabilization Projects Over Time



- Bluff collapse impacting rail service 1996, 2018, 2018, 2018, 2018, 2019, 2019, 2021
- Emergency Repairs1998, 1998, 2001, 2001, 2019



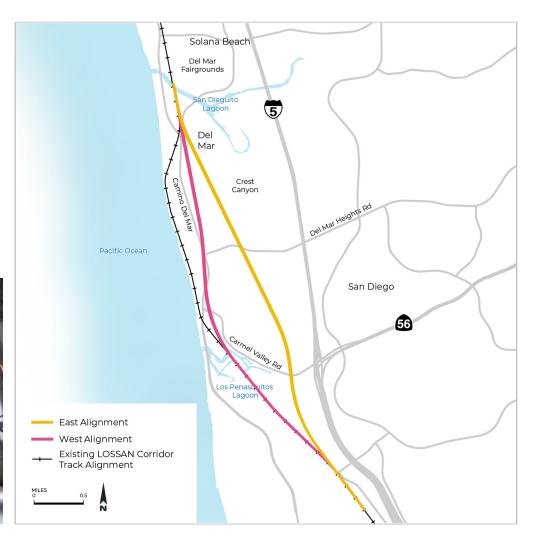
### **SANDAG's Plans and Commitments**

## Planning for a Permanent Solution

- Completed an alternatives analysis of potential realignments
- Confirmed tunnel is the best permanent option







## San Diego LOSSAN Rail Realignment

#### Improvements:

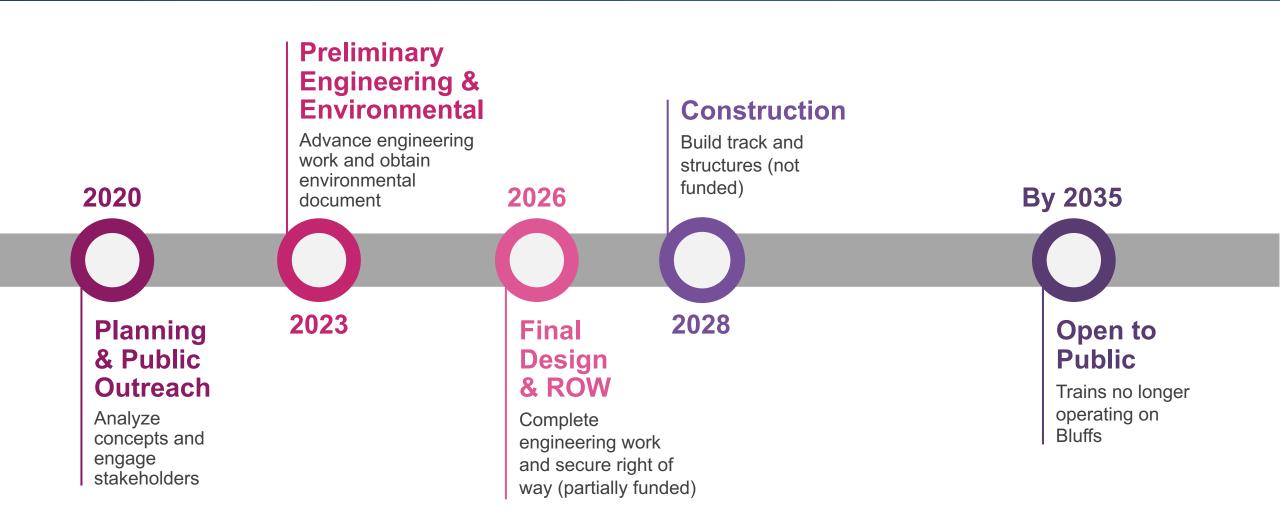
- Re-align tracks away from vulnerable coastal bluffs
- Construct double track through Del Mar and Los Peñasquitos Lagoon

#### **Project Status:**

- Project was awarded \$300 million in funding by the state
- Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Clearance now underway

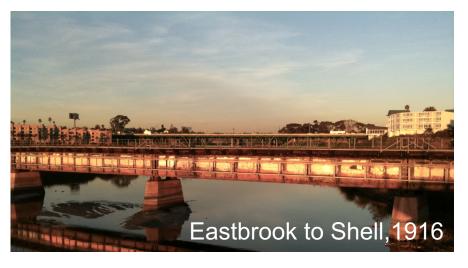


## **Project Timeline**



## Other LOSSAN Vulnerabilities in San Diego





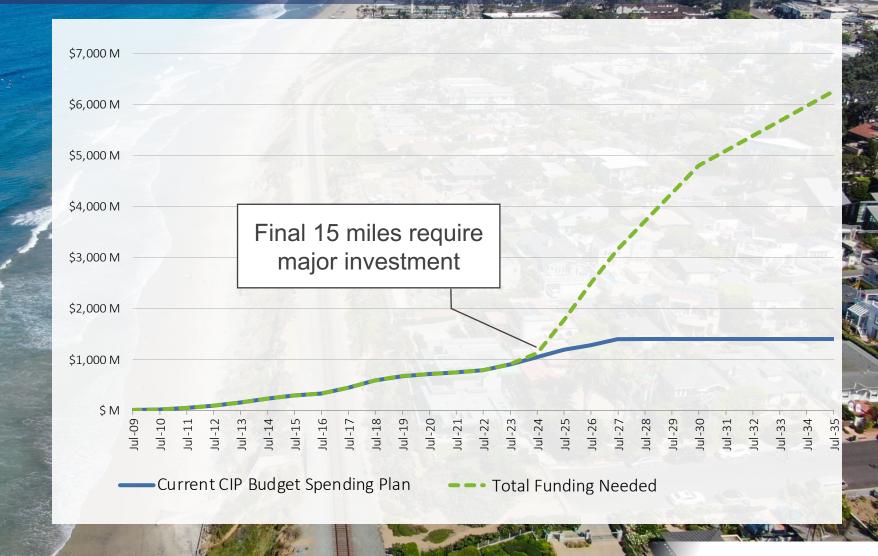




## Progress and Funding Needs for San Diego

## **60** Total Miles

- 44.8 miles complete
- 5.8 miles, shovel-ready
- 3.9 miles in Environmental Phase
- 5.6 miles in Planning



## **Next Steps**

- Change competitive funding priorities to be able to fund projects that can prevent a prolonged closure
  - Prioritize projects that improve resiliency to the impacts of climate change
  - Prioritize corridors the lack alternative rail routes
- Corridor-wide leadership and partnership to bring national attention and funds to LOSSAN



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