

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEL MAR (DEL MAR), CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLANA BEACH (SOLANA BEACH), CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO (SAN DIEGO), 22ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION (22ND DAA), (TOGETHER THE “PARTIES”), REGARDING THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) LOSSAN RAIL REALIGNMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles—San Diego—San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor is an important part of the region’s economy, has a role in our nation’s defense by providing direct rail access to key ports and military bases, and is a significant component of achieving SANDAG’s adopted climate goals; and

WHEREAS, the LOSSAN corridor also supports ridership for North County Transit District (NCTD), Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, and the transit of goods for the BNSF railway; and

WHEREAS, a portion of this rail line runs along the environmentally sensitive and fragile Del Mar bluffs, the erosion of which continues to affect passenger and freight rail operations and has been identified for realignment by SANDAG; and

WHEREAS, as part of the rail realignment effort, it is critically important that SANDAG undertake robust outreach and engagement throughout the process, which should include sharing information and engaging equally with each of the primary governing body project stakeholders (Primary Stakeholders) to determine a long-term solution to continue passenger and freight rail operations to the north and south; and

WHEREAS, the built environment in which this project will be undertaken poses many challenges including potentially adverse impacts to public and private property (including acquisition of rights-of-way and eminent domain), businesses, homeowners/residents, tourism, public safety, sensitive environmental areas, and the regional economy during and following construction, which must be considered and minimized to the greatest extent feasible when identifying potential rail realignment options; and

WHEREAS, SANDAG is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Primary Stakeholders may have discretionary actions at some point in the future making them a Responsible Agency under CEQA; and

WHEREAS, significant negative concerns about each of the proposed project alignments (A, B, and C) have been raised by project stakeholders and the public as part of the project Notice of Preparation (NOP) public comment process, which closed on July 19, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parties that:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. In light of the significant concerns that have been raised about proposed Alignments A, B, and C, including a lack of sufficient engagement with the Primary Stakeholders, the Parties request that SANDAG undertake more detailed engagement with the Primary Stakeholders to develop mutually agreed upon

project goals and objectives, identify a clear project description, and determine new or modified rail realignment options.

3. Throughout the planning, analysis, and design of this project, SANDAG should take into consideration how to minimize or, if possible, avoid negative or adverse impacts as outlined by the Parties above.
4. Decision making should be based on publicly available documentation derived from research, engineering, and technical evaluations, including but not limited to selection of the proposed project and alternatives, attainment of the majority of defined key project objectives, and determinations of significance under CEQA for issue areas, environmentally preferred alternative, and statement of overriding considerations.
5. The Parties direct that a copy of this Resolution be provided to SANDAG once fully executed.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Parties as indicated by the following authorized signors as of the dates identified below:

CITY OF DEL MAR

Dave Druker, Mayor

DATE: _____

CITY OF SOLANA BEACH

Lesa Heebner, Mayor

DATE: _____

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Todd Gloria, Mayor

DATE: _____

22ND DAA

Frederick Schenk, Board President

DATE: _____