



CITY OF DEL MAR

October 25, 2023

San Diego Association of Governments Board
Hasan Ikhata, Chief Executive Officer
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VIA EMAIL & MAIL

Re: City of Del Mar Position on SANDAG's LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project

Dear SANDAG Board Members & CEO Ikhata,

As members of the Del Mar City Council Railroad Subcommittee, we continue to participate in and closely monitor the San Diego Association of Government's (SANDAG) Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor (LOSSAN) Rail Realignment Project (Project).

On September 5, 2023, the Del Mar City Council unanimously adopted the enclosed Resolution 2023-33 supporting and encouraging SANDAG's plan to undertake a robust public outreach and engagement process for the Project and seeking to address all questions and concerns raised by the public during the outreach process. This Resolution is the only official position the City has taken with regard to the Project at this time.

In contrast to statements made in media interviews and public communications by the Deputy Mayor, the City is not advocating for the railroad to be discontinued and is not accusing SANDAG or its staff of illegal activity or fraud. The Del Mar City Council strongly supports relocation of the railroad to a safe, inland location as soon as possible and SANDAG's public outreach and engagement efforts for the Project.

To help publicly solidify the City of Del Mar's official position with regard to the Project, we will be bringing an agenda item to the City Council on November 13, 2023, for discussion and consideration of proposed guiding principles related to relocation of the rail line inland and selection of final realignment alternatives.

The City acknowledges that the LOSSAN rail corridor is vital to our region's economy and has a role in our nation's defense by providing direct rail access to several military bases. As such, we greatly appreciate our partnership with SANDAG on this critically important Project and look forward to continued collaboration.

Again, we encourage SANDAG to continue its efforts to engage the public through every means possible to ensure a robust public participation process in which the public

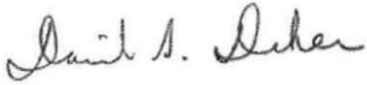
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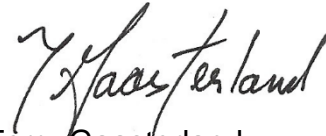
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can participate fully, receive answers to questions, and provide feedback for consideration prior to decisions being made about the Project.

Respectfully,



Dave Druker
Councilmember



Terry Gaasterland
Councilmember

cc: Del Mar City Council
Ashley Jones, Del Mar City Manager
Clem Brown, Assistant City Manager
Coleen Clementson, SANDAG Deputy CEO Planning, Projects & Programs
SANDAG LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project Team

Enclosure: City of Del Mar Resolution 2023-33

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS CONDUCTING A ROBUST PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PARTICIPATION PROCESS RELATED TO THE LOSSAN RAIL REALIGNMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles—San Diego—San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor is an intercity rail corridor supporting commuter, intercity, and freight rail services;

WHEREAS, this rail corridor is part of our region's economy and has a role in our nation's defense by providing direct rail access to several key military bases; and

WHEREAS, an approximately 1.5-mile portion of this rail line runs on a single track along the environmentally sensitive and fragile Del Mar bluffs; and

WHEREAS, the City has expressed strong support for the relocation of the rails to an inland location by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) as expeditiously as possible; and

WHEREAS, as part of the rail relocation effort, it is critically important that SANDAG comprehensively informs the public of the impacts of all realignment alternatives currently under consideration and facilitates a process that allows for robust public outreach and participation to determine the future placement of the rail line; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2023, representatives from SANDAG presented a plan for public outreach and participation to the Del Mar City Council related to the LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project; and

WHEREAS the City wishes to formally express support for SANDAG's public outreach plan and further encourages SANDAG to commit to engaging the public through every means possible to ensure a robust public participation process in which the public can participate fully, receive answers to questions, and provide feedback for consideration prior to decisions being made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Del Mar that:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The City Council expresses support for SANDAG's public outreach plan and further encourages SANDAG to look for every opportunity possible to engage the public and ensure significant opportunities for public participation and feedback prior to the selection of a final rail realignment and throughout the process.
3. The City Council directs the City Manager to provide a copy of this Resolution to SANDAG.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Del Mar, California, at a Regular Meeting held the 5th day of September, 2023.



Tracy Martinez, Mayor
City of Del Mar

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leslie E. Devaney, City Attorney
City of Del Mar

ATTEST AND CERTIFICATION:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
CITY OF DEL MAR

I, Sarah Krietor, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk of the City of Del Mar, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2023-33, adopted by the City Council of the City of Del Mar, California, at a Regular Meeting held the 5th day of September, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Martinez, Deputy Mayor Quirk, Councilmembers Druker, Gaasterland, and Worden
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Sarah Krietor, Administrative Services
Manager/City Clerk
City of Del Mar