

SORRENTO TO MIRAMAR DOUBLE TRACK, PHASE 1 FACT SHEET



Status:
Under construction

Total Cost:
\$43 million

Completion:
2013

The Project

The Sorrento to Miramar Double Track Project Phase 1 is the first of two phases to be constructed between the Sorrento Valley station and Miramar Road. Phase 1 provides for 1.1 miles of new track, parallel to the existing track, south of Sorrento Valley Boulevard to the east side of Interstate 805 (I-805). A wooden trestle bridge built in the early 1940s will also be replaced, and a new track crossover will be installed south of Sorrento Valley Boulevard. The track is operated and maintained by the North County Transit District (NCTD).



This is one of approximately 20 capital improvement projects in planning or under construction along San Diego County's 60-mile segment of LOSSAN (the Los Angeles–San Diego–San Luis Obispo rail corridor). Over the next two decades, SANDAG plans to invest approximately \$800 million in the county's portion of LOSSAN to increase capacity and ensure the reliability and safety of intercity, commuter, and freight rail services.

Besides double tracking and bridge replacements, planned improvements in the corridor include pedestrian crossings, station upgrades, bluff stabilization, and positive train control. The improvements are spelled out in the SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

To date, half of the county's rail corridor is already double tracked. Another 13 miles are expected to be added over the next five to ten years.

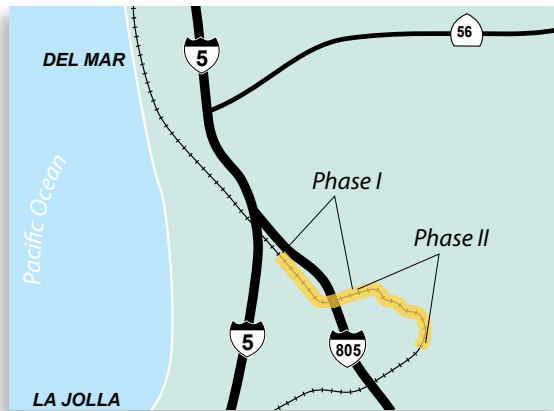
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Project Map:
Sorrento to Miramar
Double Track,
Phases 1 & 2



The Need

The current stretch of single track causes a significant bottleneck to rail traffic, as it approaches one of the slowest, steepest, and highest curve territories of any segment on the LOSSAN corridor, where speeds are restricted to 25 miles per hour.

Adding another track and replacing the outdated bridge with a modern structure will substantially increase schedule reliability, enhance operational flexibility, increase capacity, and allow for improved maintenance cycles.

Phase 2 will add another 2.1 miles of double track and straighten the sharp curves around Miramar Hill that have resulted in four freight train derailments over the past decade.

Making this rail corridor more efficient will not only help improve travel times and accommodate existing train volumes, but also meet future demand for intercity, commuter, and freight services.

Along with the planned I-5 Express Lanes project, the LOSSAN rail corridor is critical to moving goods and people through the North Coast Corridor.

Project Costs

The total cost of the Phase 1 project is estimated at \$43 million.

Project Funding

Funding for the project includes the following sources:

- » \$3.2 million from the California State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- » \$10.8 million from the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) established under Proposition 1B, which was approved by California voters in November 2006
- » \$29 million from *TransNet*, the regional half-cent sales tax for transportation

Project Status

Sorrento to Miramar, Phase 1, is now under construction. The construction contract was awarded in August 2011, meeting the TCIF funding deadline. Construction is expected to occur during days, nights and occasional weekends. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2013.

Sorrento to Miramar Phase 2 is in the environmental review stage. To date, SANDAG has secured \$11 million for the project's design and environmental review. Construction funding has yet to be secured.

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