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Re:

Updated NOP of a Draft EIR for the LOSSAN SDLRR Project [SCH 2024060038](#) — *Notice of Preparation*

Dear Tim Pesce:

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over rail crossings (crossings) in California. CPUC ensures that crossings are safely designed, constructed, and maintained. The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) and Rail Operation and Safety Branch (ROSB) is in receipt of the *Updated Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR (NOP)* for the LOSSAN SDLRR Project. The San Diego Association of Government (SANDAG) is the lead agency.

The Project Applicant proposes to improve the resiliency and reliability of the segment of the LOSSAN Corridor (Corridor) from the City of Del Mar to the City of San Diego, where the Corridor along the coastal bluffs is eroding. Several alternatives have been presented for further evaluation. Several the alternatives provide an underground tunnel. Tunnel designs need to meet or exceed the minimum horizontal and vertical clearance requirements prescribed in [CPUC General Order \(GO\) 26-D](#) and walkway requirements prescribed in [GO 118-A](#).

Beyond the tunnel limits, including tunnel portals, several of the alignments are shown to cross over existing roadways, that are not existing railroad crossings (e.g. Jimmy Durante Blvd on the "San Dieguito Bridge to I-5 Alternative Alignment"). Such crossings will need to be authorized by the Commission through a [formal application](#).

Where the alignment traverses over an existing crossing and modifications are proposed to the crossing, a [GO 88-B request](#) will need to be submitted to RCEB for authorization. (e.g. the realignment of the tracks over the McGonigle Rd grade separated crossing on the "Under Camino Del Mar Alternative Alignment" and trenching of Coast Blvd on the "Del Mar Bluffs Double Track Reinforced Alternative Alignment").

Specifically, for the "Del Mar Bluffs Double Track Reinforced Alternative Alignment", any improvements in this area along the bluffs needs to consider safe pedestrian access for the public across the railroad corridor.

If you have any questions, please contact Howard Huie at (415) 308-0533, or howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov regarding any crossing related questions or concerns, and Matthew Cardiff at (213) 308-4083 or matthew.cardiff@cpuc.ca.gov regarding any tunnel or other railroad related questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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