



# LOSSAN Rail Corridor Coastal Resiliency Update

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# Coastal Resiliency Program

Stakeholder Engagement

A corridor the length of LOSSAN requires extensive engagement to coordinate the plans and implement the solutions presented to address coastal resiliency

LOSSAN Agency Staff regularly engage with:

- Member Agency Governmental Relation Staff
- State and National Elected Officials
- Board Members
- Host Railroad and Right-of-Way Owner Technical Staff

# Coastal Resiliency Program

Statewide and  
Regional  
Engagement

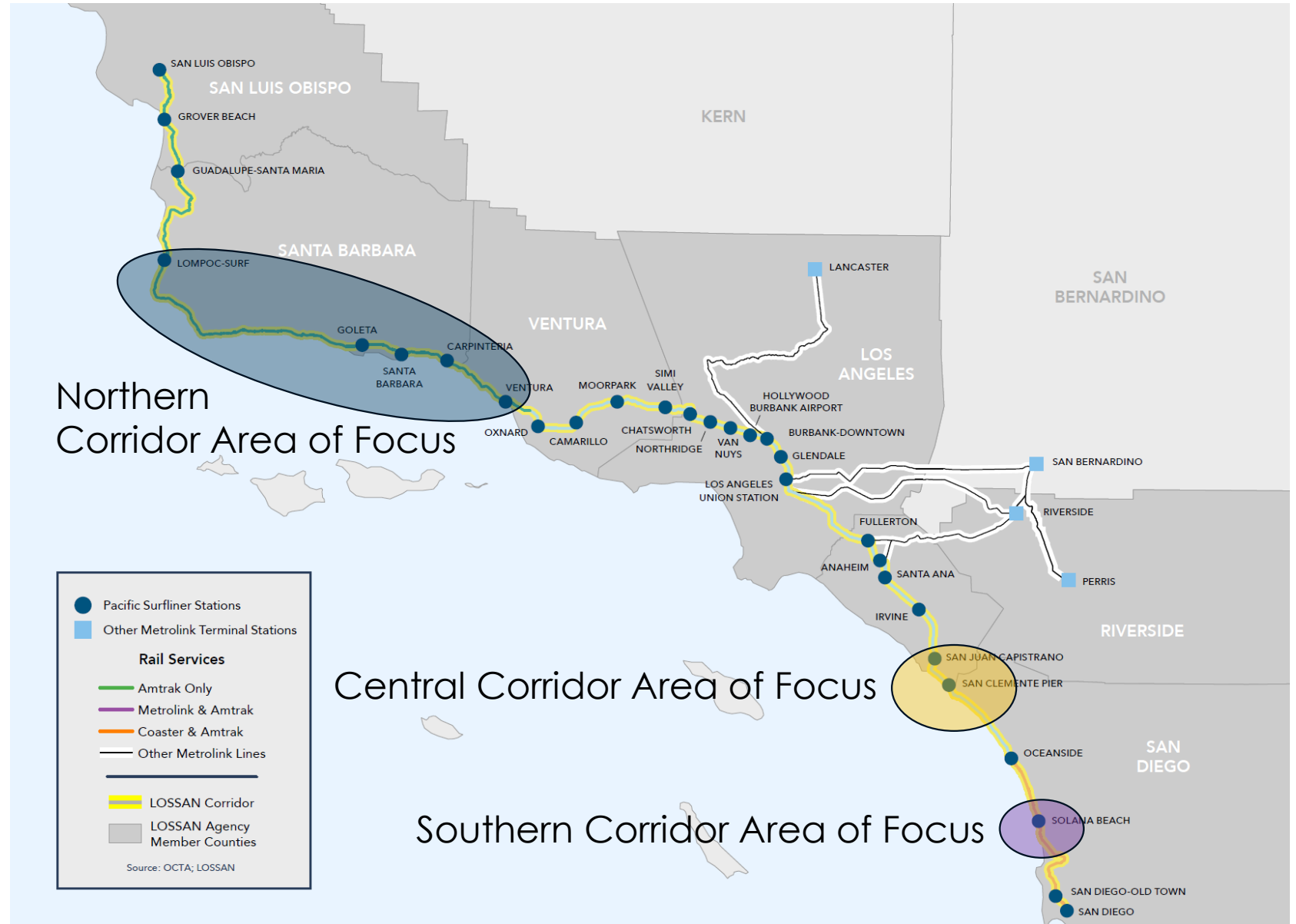
Coastal Resiliency strategies and solutions are coordinated through a variety of working groups and activities:

- CA Senate Subcommittee on LOSSAN Corridor Resiliency Hearings
- LOSSAN Regional Rail Working Group
- LOSSAN Corridor Executive Leadership Working Group
- LOSSAN Regional Rail Technical Working Group
- San Diego LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project Development Team
- OCTA Coastal Rail Resiliency Study Project Development Team
- Bi-Weekly Coordination Meetings with Union Pacific

# Coastal Resiliency

There are Coastal Resiliency challenges along the entire LOSSAN Corridor, broken into 3 key areas of focus.

- **Northern Corridor Area of Focus:** LOSSAN is working with Union Pacific Railroad on a long-term strategy to stabilize the railroad.
- **Central Corridor Area of Focus:** San Clemente – OCTA is continuing study on long term solutions; started prelim design on short-term repairs.
- **Southern Corridor Area of Focus:** SANDAG is continuing short term repairs through Del Mar and refining alignments on a long-term solution to the bluffs.

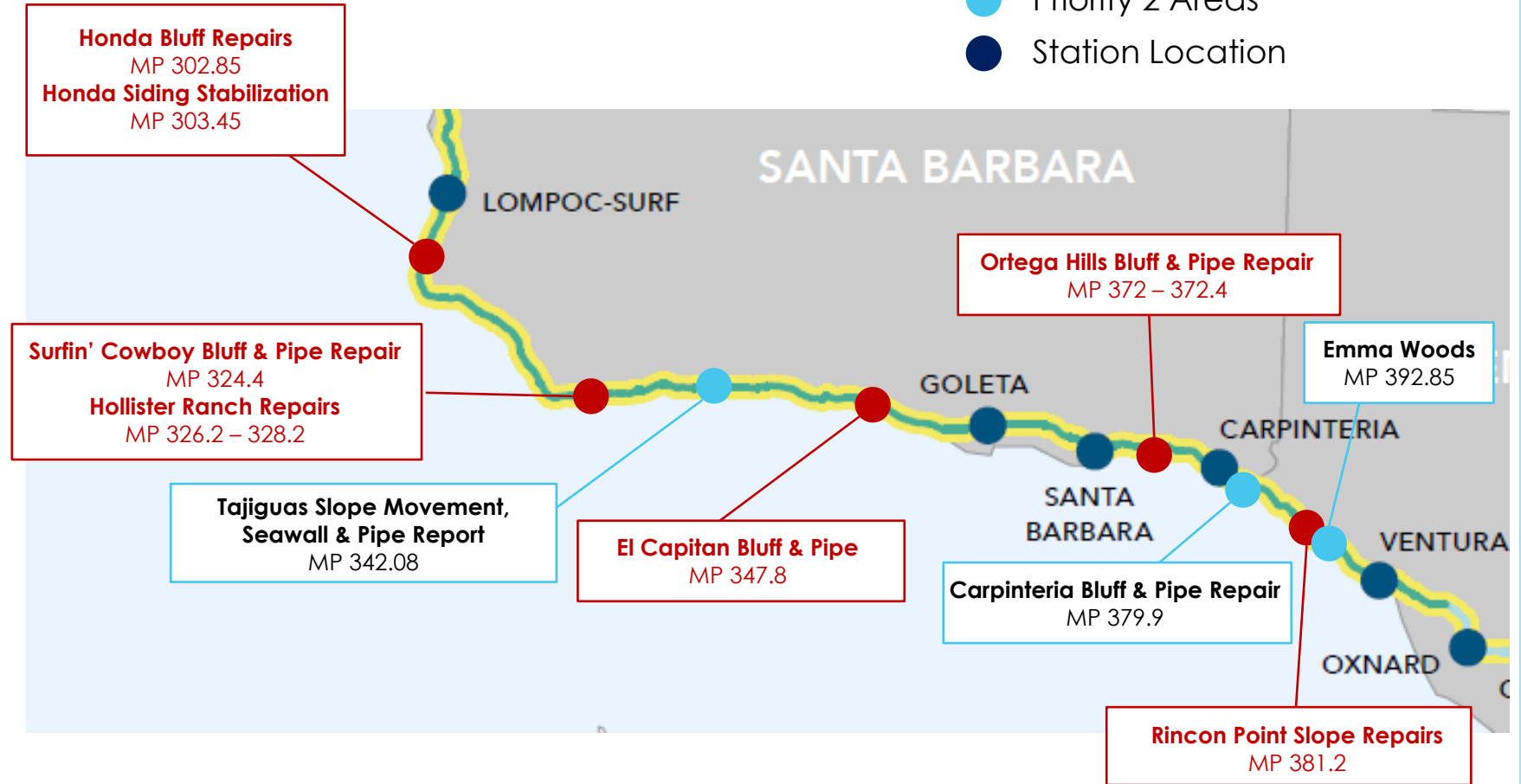


# Coastal Resiliency Northern Corridor

- Corridor was field reviewed with UPRR
- Problem areas were identified and prioritized
- Top 2 areas of priority shown in red and blue.
- UPRR performing preliminary design and developing cost estimates
- Funding allocation is dependent on these cost estimates

## LEGEND

- Priority 1 Areas
- Priority 2 Areas
- Station Location



# Honda Bluff Repairs and Potential Track Relocation (Milepost 302.85-303.45)

## Priority 1 Area: Honda Bluffs

### Existing Conditions

- Shoreline erosion in sandstone formation creating cavities in lower portion of bluffs
- Failure of steep sandy slopes

### Near Term Solution/On going Work

- Install slope failure monitors.
- Daily monitoring

### Longer Term Solution

- Relocate tracks inland
- Protect shoreline ~1500ft of shoreline
- Fill voids in sea caves
- May need VSFB, USACE, CCC, and State Lands permits



# Surfin' Cowboy (Milepost 324.4) & Hollister Ranch Repairs (Milepost 326.2-328.2)

## Priority 1 Area: Surfin' Cowboy & Hollister Ranch

### Existing Conditions

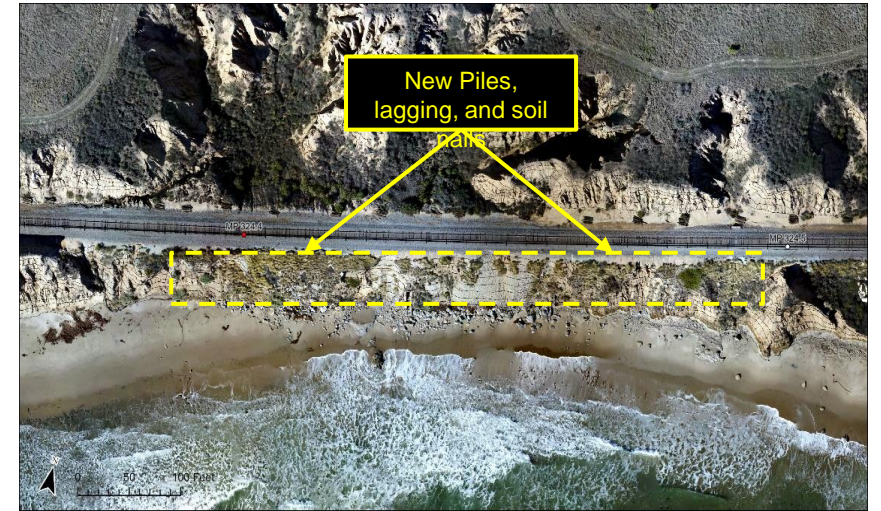
- Significant Bluff Erosion
- Loss of RR ballast
- Erosion Moving Laterally
- Failure of Seawall

### Near Term Solution/On going Work

- Tieback wall high on the bluff face
- **Work is 80% complete at Surfin' Cowboy**
- Hollister to be completed early next yr

### Longer Term Solution

- Replace drainage pipes
- Repair seawalls, where damaged
- Seawall work will need USACE, RWQCB, and CCC permits



# El Capitan Bluff (Milepost 347.8)

## Priority 1 Area: El Capitan

### Existing Conditions

- Scour under wooden soldier pile wall
- Pipe broken at seawall
- Slope erosion within 6' to 8' from track

### Near Term Solution/On going Work

- Fill void with rip-rap

### Longer Term Solution

- Replace old pipe and headwall (built in 1916).
- Replace wood wall with concrete soldier pile wall with tie-back anchors. Fill scour hole with rock, or gabion mattress
- Improve drainage





# Ortega Hill (Milepost 372-372.4)

## Priority 1 Area: Ortega Hill

### Existing Conditions

- Bluff erosion below tracks due to failing storm drains
- Slope erosion above tracks due to loose soils
- Trash and debris clogs opening under bridge

### Near Term Solution/ Ongoing Work

- Stabilize upper slope with jute netting
- Improve bridge opening to reduce clogging

### Longer Term Solution

- Replacement of corrugated metal pipes with proper headwalls and anchors to toe of slope.
- Add drilled pier to secure in slope



# Rincon Point (Milepost 381.2)

## Priority 1 Area: Rincon Point

### Existing Conditions

- Significant areas of hill erosion above the track
- Tracks covered in sand after runoff from hills

### Near Term Solution/ Ongoing Work

- Dig drainage trench to better control water flow at base of the slope
- Vacuum track bed to remove sand and sediment

### Proposed Repair Summary

- Install storm water pipes from the farm field at top to bottom of slope
- May need easements to perform work
- Placement of rocks, revetment to shore-up bottom of slope



# Projects Summary

- Items to Note:
  - All costs are subject to change
  - Design and Construction being performed by UPRR
  - Schedules subject to change based on resource availability from UPRR

Project	Funded	Near Term Cost	\$ Funded	Start Construction	End Construction
<b>Priority 1 Projects</b>					
Honda Bluffs	No	\$30 M	--	2028	2029
Surfin' Cowboy Bluffs	Yes	\$5 M	\$5 M	2024	2025
Hollister Ranch Bluffs	Yes	\$5 M	\$5 M	2025	2026
El Capitan	No	\$5 M	--	2028	2029
Ortega Hill	No	\$9 M	--	2028	2029
Rincon Point	No	\$3 M	--	2028	2029
<b>Priority 2 Projects</b>					
Tajiguas Slope Repair	No	Unk.	--	2030	2031
Carpinteria Bluff & Pipe Repair	No	Unk.	--	2030	2031
Emma Woods	No	Unk.	--	2030	2031
<b>Total Expected Cost</b>		<b>\$57 M</b>			
<b>Total Currently Funded</b>			<b>\$10 M</b>		

# Update on Orange County Coastal Resiliency Efforts

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## Coastal Rail Stabilization Priority Project

*immediate needs*

- Address imminent threats to maintain rail operations
- Four reinforcement areas identified as top priority
- Project includes armoring and sand replenishment
- \$305 million in state and federal funds secured
- Construction to begin as early as 2026

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## Coastal Rail Resiliency Study

*short- to medium-term solutions*

- Develop options to protect full seven miles of coastal rail infrastructure
- Assess climate impacts on coastal rail line
- Identify potential solutions
- Engage key stakeholders and agencies
- Study expected early 2026

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## Coastal Rail Long-Term Solutions Study

- State-led study
- Develop options for long-term solutions including potential rail line relocation
- Create an action plan for key elements
- Partner with LOSSAN, state, and federal agencies
- Engage key stakeholders



# San Diego County LOSSAN Resiliency Projects

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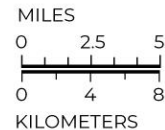
# Projects in Development

## 60-Mile San Diego Segment

### LOSSAN Rail Corridor Project Overview

#### Project Phase

- Planning
- Design and Permitting
- Ready for Construction
- Construction



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# Batiquitos Lagoon Double Track

# Current Construction Efforts





# San Dieguito Double Track and Special Events Platform

# Existing Single Track Timber Bridge



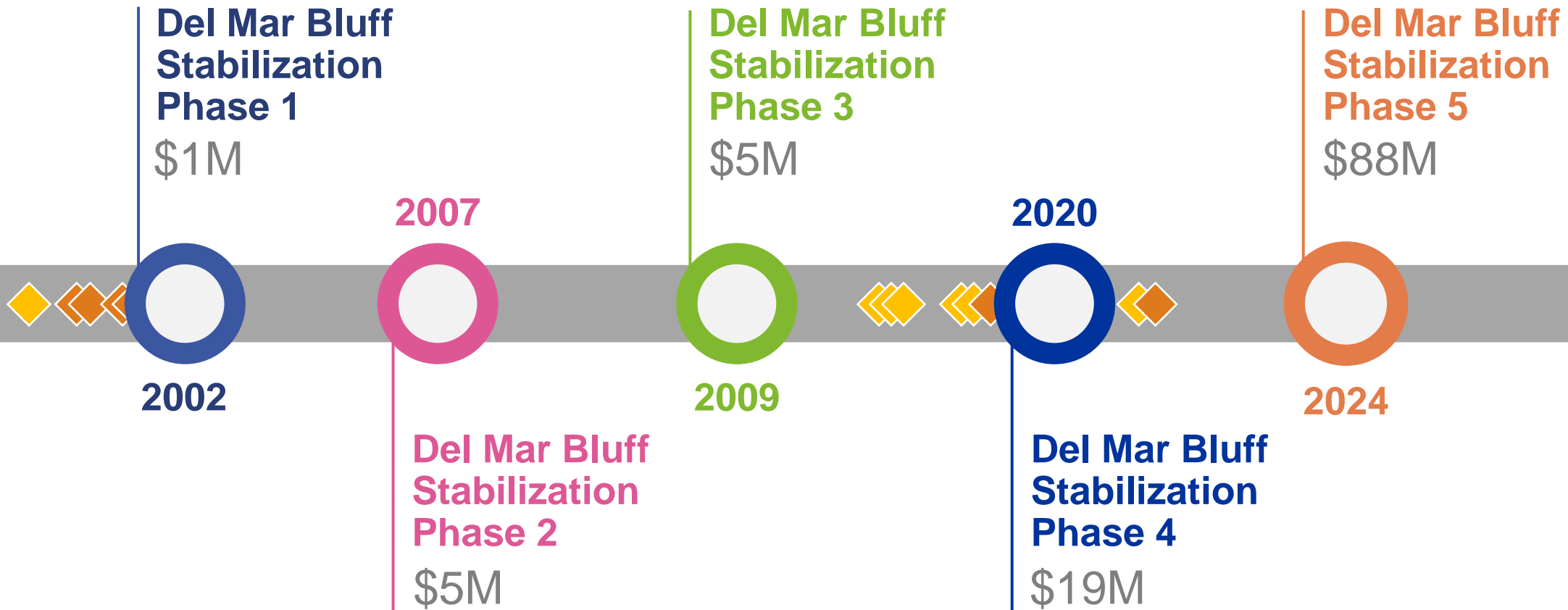
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# Del Mar Bluffs Stabilization Phase 5

# Aerial Photo of Del Mar Bluffs



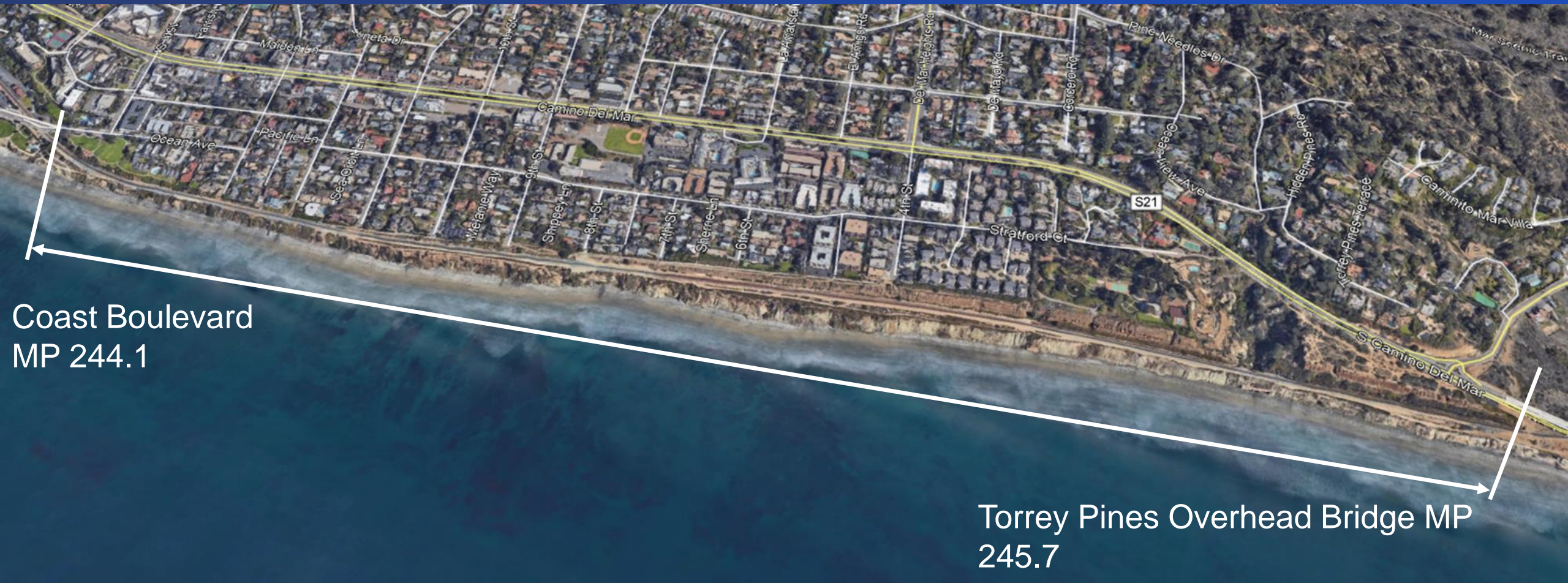
# Bluff Stabilization Projects Over Time



◆ Bluff landslide impacting rail service  
1996, 2018, 2019, 2021

◆ Emergency Repairs  
1998, 2001, 2019, 2021

# Del Mar Bluffs Stabilization Phase 5



Coast Boulevard  
MP 244.1

Torrey Pines Overhead Bridge MP  
245.7

# Current Stabilization Efforts



# San Diego LOSSAN Rail Realignment



# Past Planning Efforts

- **2007** – LOSSAN Programmatic EIR/EIS (Caltrans and FRA)
- **2014** – North Coast Corridor Public Works Plan (CCC)
- **2017** – Conceptual Engineering and Environmental Study (SANDAG)
- **2018** – State Rail Plan (Caltrans)
- **2021** – 2021 Regional Plan (SANDAG)
- **2022** – Del Mar Bluffs V Stabilization Project (CCC)
- **2023** – SDLRR Alternatives Analysis (SANDAG)
- **2024** – SDLRR Notice of Preparation (SANDAG)
- **2025** – Value Analysis Study

# Value Analysis

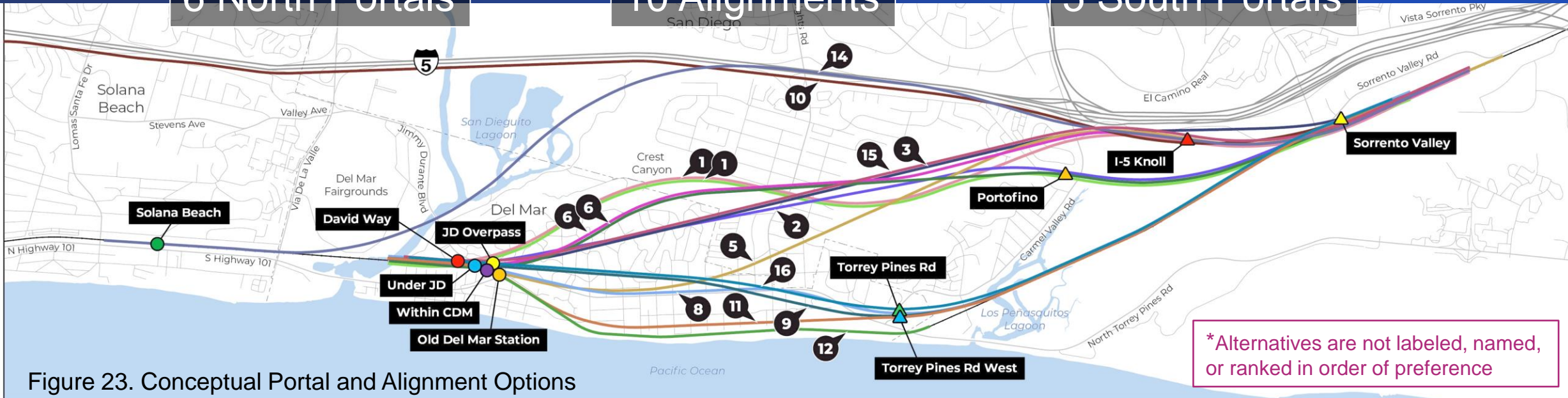
- Value Analysis (VA) is a technical study of project alternatives.
- Study held workshops and meetings in September through December 2024.
- Collaborative and technically driven fresh look at alternative concepts and ideas that could address the challenges of climate change and the eroding Del Mar bluffs to provide reliable passenger and freight service.
- The ideas, suggestions, and alternative concepts developed and evaluated by the VA Study participants are presented in the Final Value Analysis Study Report.

# VA Portals and Alignments

6 North Portals

10 Alignments

5 South Portals



Conceptual Alignments  
(Slightly Offset for Illustration Purposes)



North & South Conceptual Portal Locations



Existing LOSSAN Corridor Track Alignment



Municipal Boundary



- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Crest Canyon 90                                   | 9 Camino Del Mar 110                |
| 2 Crest Canyon 110                                  | 10 I-5 Oceanside to Sorrento Valley |
| 3 Crest Canyon 110                                  | 11 Stratford Court 80               |
| 4 Realign Jimmy Durante/Camino Del Mar (Not Mapped) | 12 Double Track Bluffs              |
| 5 Crest Canyon 110                                  | 13 Freight to I-15 (Not Mapped)     |
| 6 Crest Canyon Improved 90                          | 14 I-5 110                          |
| 7 Optimize Bridges and Berms (Not Mapped)           | 15 Crest Canyon 110                 |
| 8 Camino Del Mar 90                                 | 16 Camino Del Mar 110               |

# What Did We Learn?

**Key themes and input that were incorporated into the draft revised objectives and alternative concepts developed as part of the VA Study include:**

- Minimize effects to private properties, including subsurface easements
- Minimize disruptions to economic generators, such as the Del Mar Fairgrounds
- Demonstrate public stewardship by minimizing conflicts with prior and ongoing investments

# Preliminary Staff Proposed Alternatives



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February 2025

- San Dieguito Bridge to I-5 Knoll
- Under Crest Canyon
- Under Camino Del Mar
- Del Mar Bluffs Double Track Reinforced
- — — Tunnel Section
- Portal Location
- Existing LOSSAN Corridor Track Alignment
- ⌋ Municipal Boundary

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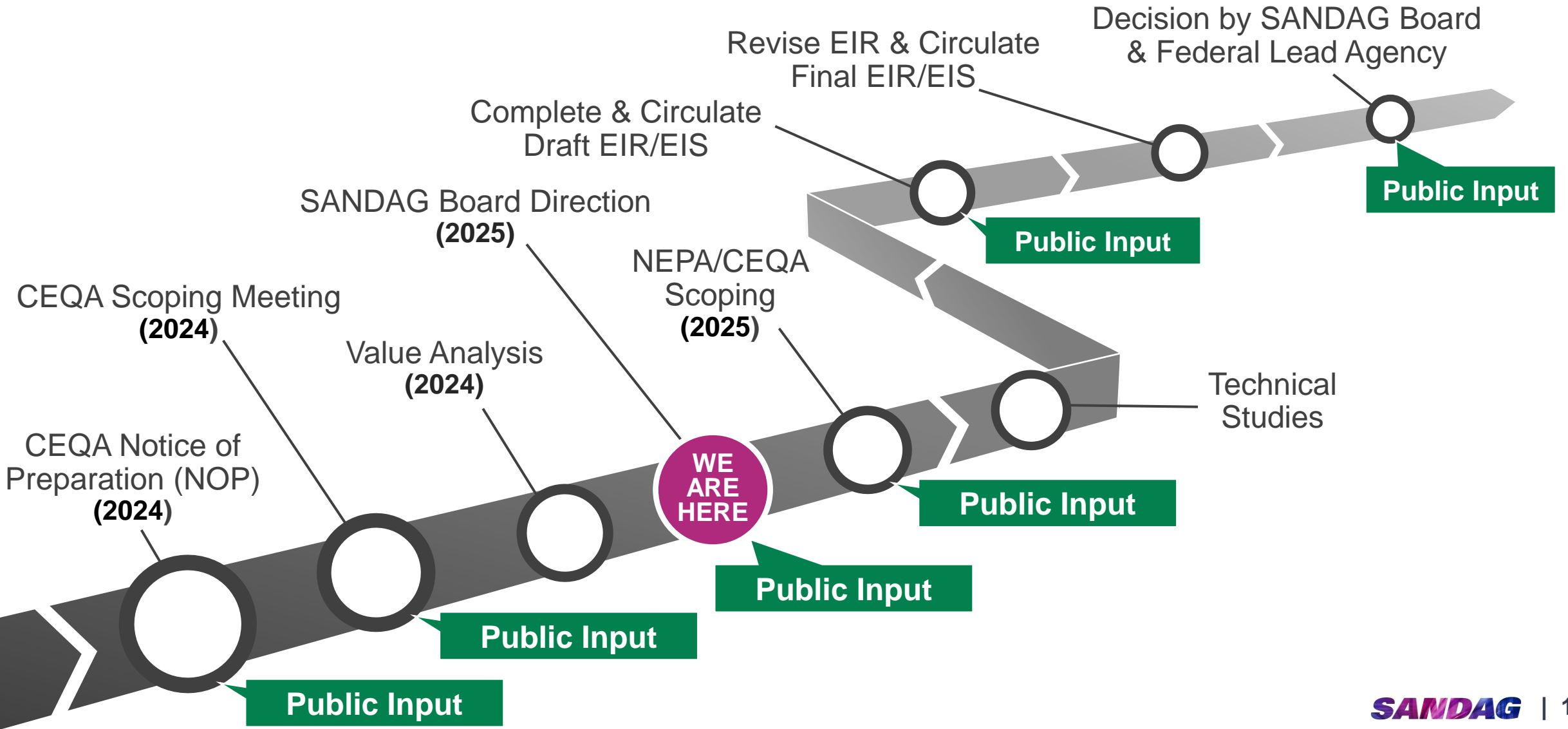


# Preliminary Staff Proposed Alternatives ROM Costs

Color	Title	Estimated Cost (\$B)
—	San Dieguito Bridge to I-5 Knoll	\$3.8 – \$5.1
—	Under Crest Canyon	\$3.7 – \$5.0
—	Under Camino Del Mar	\$3.3 – \$4.4
—	Del Mar Bluffs Double Track Reinforced	\$1.9 – \$2.5

\*Preliminary rough order of magnitude (ROM) cost estimates

# Environmental Process (CEQA/NEPA)



QUESTIONS?