The Benefits

This project will accomplish several goals, including alleviating schedule delays near CP Elvira and CP Morena and straightening curves, thereby providing on-time performance benefits. This project will improve trip times for both passenger and freight service, reduce maintenance costs in curved alignments, and create additional operational flexibility along the corridor. In addition, double-tracking allows trains traveling in opposite directions to pass without slowing down or stopping, increasing efficiency and reliability.

Corridor Strategy

During the next 20 years, SANDAG plans to construct nearly $1 billion in improvements in the San Diego County section of the LOSSAN corridor, including a primary effort to double track the corridor from Orange County to Downtown San Diego. To date, approximately two-thirds of the county’s LOSSAN coastal rail corridor is double tracked. More than 97 percent of the corridor is expected to be double tracked by 2030. Other infrastructure improvements along the LOSSAN corridor include bridge and track replacements, new platforms, pedestrian undercrossings, and other safety and operational enhancements.

Project Status

In March 2015, the project received environmental clearance with the Federal Railroad Administration’s approval of a Categorical Exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Construction on CP Rose signals is expected to begin in summer 2015. The remaining work will commence in fall 2016 and is anticipated to conclude in 2019.

Project Cost

The project is estimated to cost $170 million and full funding is pending. Approximately one-third of the project is funded through federal sources. SANDAG has leveraged the federal funding with TransNet funding, the San Diego region’s voter approved, half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements administered by SANDAG.

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