



**Rail Realignment Subcommittee
Meeting 7:00 PM, October 12, 2021**

Torrey Pines Community Planning Board
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Meeting Minutes

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS Present:

Eduardo Savigliano, Jim Smith, Brad Remy, Adam Gevanthor, Brian Farmer

AGENDA

- 1- Member's introduction
As this was the first time the Members met
- 2- Review June 29 Meeting topics
To refresh the neighbors' questions and opinions
- 3- Presentation of related Documents
Eduardo presented related documents such as:
 - UT's proposed public transit expansion and SANDAG'S Kristin Gaspar, Mary Casillas -
 - Salas and Joshua Smith's opinions on the expansion
 - SD LOSSAN Study Update, presentation to the City of Del Mar Council May 3rd, 2021
- 4- Set direction and next Agenda items

Conversation Topics

1. The train tracks have to be moved and should of for some decades now, the question is where. They are located in an area that is 1) densely populated and 2) geologically and environmentally fragile.
2. Must be corrected by moving the tracks further inland to accomplish several goals:
 - 1) Better integrate with the long-term vision for mass transit, of which accessible rail is a significant component, by locating the tracks along the existing transportation corridor. The five alternatives proposed do not align with the LOSSAN / SANDAG transit Expansion Mobility Hubs, Proposed Transit Lines nor Proposed Trolley Line, which all run North of Sorrento Valley Station along Freeway 5, making sense to align with an existing transit corridor, facilitate public equitable and diverse access with both last mile access from the East and not only the West of the Freeway communities and promote a more consistent location with pedestrian and bicycle means of transportation and Freeway nodes where Work Hubs are located, so that human activities are less segregated.
 - 2) Protect health and safety of the community by preserving and protecting ecologically sensitive habitats by aligning polluting means of transportation along one corridor, instead of disseminating their contamination over a wider area, especially considering the quality of this natural environment being impacted.

- 3) Instill in our Federal, State and Local Agencies that this is a project that pertains to the realignment of the Second most important Rail Corridor in the Nation and as such, needs the attention of Authorities that exceed the reach of technical and financial capabilities of local ones. This is a corridor that is in the plans to connect ports of Ensenada, Mexico, San Diego, Los Angeles and projects to extend to Canada. We are not talking about moving local traffic, but needs to be seen in it's true scale when it's impact is being analyzed.
- 4) All environmental and legal aspects of this matter need to be settled before other funds are being spent in other activities, like geological sampling, an effort taxing our public funds that may not even matter if the more significant topics are covered first.
- 5) Our position is that options to move the tracks along or east of Freeway 5 should be thoroughly explored before any other of the ones proposed continue to be under consideration.
- 6) Only when these options have been exhausted should locations west of the 5 be contemplated.
- 7) Locating tunnel portals within residential communities, regardless of train configurations, is unacceptable. The committee cannot support any option that includes tunnel portals that threaten the health and safety of our residents.
- 8) Portal locations are an unacceptable impact on the lagoon and open space preserve as well as a violation of the terms under which the land West of Point Del Mar was donated to the State as a permanent connector of nature between the Lagoon, Crest Canyon and San Dieguito Lagoon.
- 9) We request the TPCPB to communicate our position to the chain of Agencies all along and especially Congress representative Mike Levin, to place the scale of the project at the Governmental level where it belongs.

End of Meeting

