



City of Encinitas

Office of
The Mayor

March 16, 2020

The Honorable Tasha Boerner Horvath
State Capitol Room 4130
Sacramento, CA 95814

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

Dear Assemblymember Boerner Horvath:

Subject: Support Assembly Bill 2062 (Boerner Horvath): San Diego Association of Governments: LOSSAN Rail Corridor: study

Kellie Shay Hinze
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas would like to express its strong support of Assembly Bill 2062 (AB 2062), which would provide \$5 million for SANDAG to conduct a study of higher speed and safety alternatives for the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor in the County of San Diego.

Tony Kranz
Council Member

The 351-mile LOSSAN Rail Corridor is the second busiest intercity rail corridor in the nation and carries about 8 million passengers and more than \$1 billion worth of freight every year. The corridor also plays a vital role in the nation's defense by providing rail access to the Pacific Fleet and is designated as part of the U.S. Strategic Rail Corridor Network.

Joe Mosca
Council Member

Part of the corridor runs through the Del Mar Bluffs in San Diego County. Recent erosion of the Del Mar Bluffs has underscored the immediate need to identify a long-term solution for the corridor as future erosion events could threaten the safety and stability of the rail corridor and have severe impacts to intercity rail performance and the regional, state, and national economy.

Jody Hubbard
Council Member

As a community within the rail corridor the City of Encinitas has an interest in the continued safety and improvements of rail operations. AB 2062 would provide the funding that is needed to evaluate alternative strategies to move the tracks completely off the bluffs. For these reasons, The City of Encinitas is pleased to support AB 2062.

Sincerely,

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

CC: Council Members
Karen Brust, City Manager
LGC Consultants
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities