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I am submitting a written public comment for the Del Mar Bluffs STIP ITIP Allocation, Item 108 on the March agenda.

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Item 108 - Request to allocate \$10,500,000 and update the scope, in accordance with Government Code Section 14533(a), for the locally-administered STIP Rail Del Mar Bluffs Stabilization Project 4 project, in San Diego County

Comment: SANDAG would like to express our thanks and appreciation for this emergency allocation to address the critical safety situation at the Del Mar Bluffs caused by the collapse of the bluff and a century-old seawall. CTC, CalSTA, and Caltrans staff worked with our team to expedite this item for your consideration today. As you know, the LOSSAN Rail Corridor is a corridor of strategic and national significance handling freight and intercity rail as well as regional rail. For safety reasons, freight trains are down to 10 miles per hour and passenger trains down to 15 miles per hour through the area of the slide. For the last two weekends, during rail closures, crews have made good progress on the bluff repairs. Completing this work quickly is a safety and economic imperative. Thank you for your support to get this critical repair work completed.

Thank you,

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