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## California Takes Emergency Action to Protect Coastal Rail

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Transportation Commission (Commission) held an emergency meeting today to allocate \$9.98 million to build critical system resiliency improvements to prevent additional disruption of vital rail services along the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor in Orange County. The funds advanced today to the Orange County Transportation Authority’s Coastal Rail Infrastructure Resiliency Project will protect a seven-mile segment of the rail line that has been repeatedly impacted by climate-related slope erosion, storm surges, sea level rise and landslides in recent years.

“The LOSSAN rail corridor is an integral part of California’s transportation system,” said Commission Chair Darnell Grisby. “The investments we are making today will reduce future emergency closures and provide more reliability for over 150 daily passenger trains and more than \$1 billion in freight that moves through the corridor annually.”

“Millions of Californians rely on our nation’s second busiest intercity passenger rail corridor for vital transport to and from work, family and essential services,” said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. “Today’s critical investment, which was only made possible through the close cooperation among our many partners, underscores our shared urgency in ensuring a reliable and resilient rail system that improves the lives of Californians.”

“Caltrans remains committed to providing reliable rail travel for all Californians by enhancing the convenience, sustainability and resiliency of these critical multimodal services,” said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. “Decisive action taken today at the California Transportation Commission helps power our effort to secure ease of movement through this vital transportation corridor.”

The funding advanced today comes from the Commission’s Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (\$4.99 million), and the California State Transportation Agency’s (CalSTA) Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (\$4.99 million) and will be used to fund initial emergency work at key locations. This includes repairing of existing riprap at two locations critical to protecting the rail line from coastal erosion where little or no beach remains. The funds will also be used to remove the damaged Mariposa pedestrian bridge structure, which was severely damaged during a previous landslide event. Full implementation of the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Resiliency Project will reinforce four key areas along the LOSSAN corridor by repairing and augmenting existing revetment, installing catchment walls, restoring pedestrian beach access, adding rock placement and addressing beach erosion and sand replenishment. Today’s allocation is a portion of the total \$205 million awarded to the project by the Commission and CalSTA in October 2024.

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