

City of Del Mar Priorities in Addressing the Rail Right-of Way Through the Del Mar Bluffs

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The City of Del Mar seeks cooperative resolution of rail safety and access issues on the Del Mar Bluffs in conformance with the following City priorities:

1. **SAFETY.** Public safety is the number one criterion.
2. **PUBLIC ACCESS.** The ability of the public to safely access the coast, including Del Mar's bluff-top trails, is a priority.
3. **LIABILITY.** Reducing the liability exposure of all agencies and entities involved in rail operations on the Del Mar bluffs is a priority.
4. **ENVIRONMENTAL.** All rail related activities on the Del Mar bluffs should be done in conformance with applicable environmental standards, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the California Coastal Act, and Del Mar's certified Local Coastal Program (LCP), and should include appropriate mitigation.
5. **IMPACTS TO NEIGHBORS.** Avoiding or mitigating impacts to adjoining public and private property is a priority as to noise, vibration, view impacts, and privacy.
6. **TRAILS AND VIEWPOINTS.** Viewpoints, overlooks, and access trails to and along the railroad right-of-way should be preserved, augmented, or replaced where feasible.
7. **COOPERATION.** All government entities with a stake in these issues should participate in their resolution, including participating in discussion of funding options and constraints. Agencies involved should include: the North County Transit District (NCTD), the California Coastal Commission (CCC), SANDAG, AMTRAK, BNSF, the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and the City of Del Mar.
8. **PUBLIC INPUT.** Input from the public, including from organizations and individuals, should be welcomed and considered in the decision-making process.