

SPRINTER

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Project manager estimates that work at station will cost \$70K to \$80K

"We think it will provide a good safety net," Bullock said, adding that the Sprinter's boarding system already meets the Americans with Disabilities Act, even without the fixes that the state agency is requiring.

The Public Utilities Commission has approved that design, according to Susan Carothers, a spokeswoman for the agency.

Bullock said he didn't have an official estimate on the cost of the work, but guessed that it would be between \$70,000 and \$80,000.

When the transit district first awarded bids for the Sprinter in 2004, the cost of the project was to expected to

Additionally, the Sprinter was designed to accommodate larger freight trains that deliver raw materials to three businesses in west Escondido. Because freight train cars are wider than the Sprinter's diesel-powered passenger cars, platforms had to be set back from the tracks far enough to let the larger trains pass.

"If this wasn't a dual-use rail line, if we didn't have freight, we would have been able to build the platforms closer to the (Sprinter) vehicles," Bullock said.

Train gaps have received more national attention in recent years after a fatal accident in 2006 on the Long Island Railroad in New York. An intoxicated 18-year-old tourist from Minnesota fell into a gap between a Long Island train and its platform, then crawled under the train's concrete platform and was struck and killed by a train on the other side.

Warren Plateau, a spokesman for the Federal Railroad Administration, said

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ship with evangelical leaders.

McCain will spend the six days before Tuesday's contests crossing the country for appearances in major media markets in delegate-rich California, Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey and New York. He will also be forced to spend precious time in fundraisers — McCain has three scheduled in the next two days — for expensive TV advertising in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York.

Romney's advisers said they would be focused in the next week on trying to rally conservatives to Romney, who will continue to paint McCain as a moderate out of step with his party.

"In a two-person race, I think as people say, do they want to vote for John McCain to be the nominee of the Republican Party or do they want to vote for me, who does his best to bring together the Re-



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Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of the late President John F. Kennedy, has endorsed Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., who delivers a campaign speech Wednesday in Denver.

— with their pricey media markets and the substantial leads in recent polls that McCain has built up. The campaign is holding out the possibility of spending money there to force McCain, who they believe will have a cash problem, to do so as well, but a final decision has not been made.

the Democratic candidates had agreed not to campaign.

At a rally for Obama in Denver, a crowd of nearly 10,000 people rose to their feet to offer a standing ovation for Edwards. Obama, who has been speaking to Edwards by telephone with greater frequency in recent weeks, vowed

gling," Obama said. "At a time when our politics is too focused on who's up and who's down, he has consistently made us on who matters."

With Caroline Kennedy on his side, making her deal the campaign trail, Obama urged Democrats taking in next week's Colorado caucuses to fight temptations simply turn back the clock and to build a bridge to the 20th century.

"There are those who tell us that our party nominate someone more practiced in the pursuing power, that's just yet our turn or our time may be," Obama said. "There was a time when Caroline Kennedy's father was selected by a former president to be patient and to step for someone with great experience, but John Kennedy responded by saying, 'The world is changing. The old ways will not do.'"

Speaking in an arena at the University of Denver, former President Bill Clinton was scheduled to

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U.S. Navy Announces Alternative Arrangements for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Requests Public Input

On January 15, 2008, the Department of the Navy accepted alternative arrangements, approved by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These alternative arrangements specifically address the use of mid-frequency active (MFA) sonar and its effects on marine mammals during Navy exercises in the Southern California (SOCAL) Operating Area. These exercises include Composite Training Unit Exercises (COMPTUEXs) and Joint Task-Force Exercises (JTFEXs) scheduled to occur between January 15, 2008 and January 23, 2009. A Decision Memorandum documenting the Navy's acceptance of these alternative arrangements was published in the Federal Register on January 24, 2008.

Information on the Navy's proposals for the SOCAL Operating Area including the full text of the Decision Memorandum is available at www.SOCALRangeComplexEIS.com.

The Navy will prepare a post-exercise assessment after each exercise. By this Notice, the Navy requests input from the public on the process for reviewing the post-exercise assessments. The Navy is also offering the public the opportunity to discuss the implementation of these alternative arrangements. Input on reviewing the post-exercise assessments and any requests to meet with Navy and CEQ representatives about the alternative arrangements may be submitted by contacting Mr. Alex Stone at (619) 545-8128 or in writing to:

Naval Air Station North Island
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