

# North Oceanside Double Track Project

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## Rail Improvements Planned in Oceanside

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is working in collaboration with the North County Transit District (NCTD) on a future rail improvement between Oceanside Harbor and Pier View Way in Oceanside. The North Oceanside Double Track Project (CP East Brook to CP Shell) will increase transit and freight capacity by replacing the aging single-track bridge over the San Luis Rey River with a double-track bridge and construct a one-mile stretch of second main track that will join two existing double-track segments together.

The project is funded through preliminary engineering and environmental phases. Although not funded for construction, SANDAG estimates project completion by the year 2025 to meet future demand for increased passenger and freight services.

### Replacing the Aging San Luis Rey River Rail Bridge

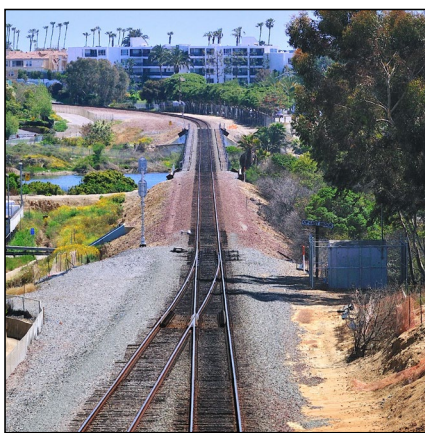
The current rail bridge, built in 1929 and rehabilitated in 1970, will be replaced with a modern, concrete double-track bridge to ensure trains run on time. The new bridge will be constructed east of the existing bridge. The existing bridge will remain operational during construction to avoid disruptions to rail services.



The aging San Luis Rey River rail bridge will be replaced with a concrete double-track bridge similar to the materials used for the N. Pacific St. road bridge shown above.

### Project to Eliminate Idling Trains

The project will remove a significant rail system bottleneck in Oceanside with the creation of 10.3 miles of continuous double track, improving the on-time reliability and frequency of COASTER, Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, and Metrolink passenger trains. Currently trains need to sit idle at a track siding just north of Oceanside Harbor as another train uses the existing single track.



Currently the double-tracked rail line ends just north of the San Luis Rey River rail bridge (view looking southward).

The project is one of many that will help advance efforts to double track 97 percent of the corridor's rail system between the San Diego/Orange County line and Downtown San Diego by 2050, benefiting the local economy by improving passenger travel times and freight movement. Like the City of Oceanside itself, the San Diego rail corridor was established more than 125 years ago and is used daily by nearly 70 commuter, passenger and freight trains each day. That number is expected to increase to more than 100 trains by 2030.

### More Improvements on the Way



SANDAG will improve the undercrossing under the rail bridge that connects bikers and pedestrians to the San Luis Rey River Trail.



The City of Oceanside is leading an effort to incorporate the Surfrider Way and other intersections into a future Quiet Zone to limit train horn noise for nearby residents.

#### San Luis Rey River Undercrossing:

In an effort to enhance public access to the San Luis Rey River pedestrian and bicycle undercrossing at the southern end of the rail bridge, SANDAG is collaborating with the City of Oceanside to realign the existing undercrossing for improved visibility and public safety. SANDAG will also raise the elevation of the path and add a drainage system under the bridge to help reduce flooding impacts that can currently impede public access.

#### Oceanside Quiet Zone:

The City of Oceanside is leading an effort to implement a future Quiet Zone, which will reduce the frequency of required train horns at the Surfrider Way intersection. SANDAG will redesign the existing at-grade crossing at Surfrider Way extending the medians in order to support a Quiet Zone in the future.

#### Public Access to Oceanside Harbor:

SANDAG is also collaborating with the City of Oceanside to restructure the existing car and pedestrian undercrossing as the railroad is widened. The undercrossing is located north of the San Luis Rey River and the Oceanside Harbor Village to the City of Oceanside's parking lot on the eastern side of the tracks.

## Join Us!

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013  
**Oceanside High School**  
1 Pirates Cove Way  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

You're invited to join SANDAG and NCTD at an informational public meeting to learn more about this future rail improvement project.

### Project Map

- Future Double Track
- Future Bike & Pedestrian Undercrossing Improvements
- Future Bridge Replacement
- Future Track Crossovers
- San Luis Rey River Trail

### Regional Rail Projects

SANDAG is planning and constructing projects valued at more than \$900 million in the San Diego region of the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) corridor. Combined with others in the corridor, the project will reduce travel times for passengers, improve system reliability, increase goods movement, reduce passenger and truck volumes on I-5, and provide for increased passenger and freight rail services in the future.

### For More Information:

Please visit [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/) NODT for more project information or [email us](mailto:info@sandag.org) to receive updates about the project in the future.

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### A Project of the I-5 North Coast Corridor Program

The North Oceanside Double Track Project is one part of a comprehensive package of highway, rail and transit, and coastal access improvements planned for the Interstate 5 (I-5) North Coast Corridor, which spans 27 miles and includes six coastal cities of Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and part of San Diego. The program is a result of more than ten years of collaboration between SANDAG, the California Department of Transportation, and local jurisdictional partners in an effort to reduce traffic congestion on I-5, improve rail transit, provide more travel choices, and enhance the coastal environment in the decades to come.

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