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Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Bridge Replacement Rail Bridge Construction to Begin in August

Construction is scheduled to begin in early August on a project to replace four aging, wooden trestle bridges that cross the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. The project is part of a larger effort to improve rail infrastructure along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor. Construction will begin on the northernmost bridge.

These rail bridges were built between the 1910s and 1930s and have aged beyond the average operating life of 75 years. Replacement of the bridges will reduce maintenance costs and provide more efficient passenger and freight service.

The project will cost \$31 million and construction will take approximately two years.



A COASTER passenger train crosses a wooden trestle bridge constructed in 1911.

Construction Method to Lessen Noise for Surrounding Residents

During work on the bridges, nearby residences and businesses along the lagoon can expect to hear intermittent construction noise. Some of the work on the bridges will be conducted during Absolute Work Windows (AWWs). AWWs are select weekends where all rail service is temporarily suspended so crews can work unimpeded.

The contractor will take all reasonable steps to minimize noise during construction. Piles, or columns, will need to be installed as the support structure for the bridges. To help lessen noise, a quieter method of constructing piles, called Cast-in-Steel-Shell (CISS), will be used. The installation of pre-drilled CISS piles will help reduce construction noise for residents who live near the lagoon.

Protection of the Lagoon and Sensitive Habitat

SANDAG is committed to ensuring native habitats are protected, preserved, restored, and/or enhanced during rail improvement projects. This project, as well as other transportation enhancements in our coastal habitats and lagoons, is planned in collaboration with lagoon foundations and state and federal environmental resource agencies. Throughout the project, SANDAG will monitor construction to ensure the native habitat and wildlife are protected.

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Project Map



Project Photo Album

Check out more photos of the lagoon and bridges



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