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Overview

Linking local and regional bicycle and pedestrian trails to increase mobility choices, improve coastal access, and connect communities are key community enhancement components of the Caltrans and SANDAG North Coast Corridor (NCC) Program. Build NCC includes phase one community enhancement projects in Solana Beach, Encinitas, and Carlsbad. These projects are part of a 40-year vision to improve the quality of life for residents, create a stronger local and regional economy for the future, and enhance the coastal environment.

Highlighted below are just a few of the bike and pedestrian improvements expected to be completed under Build NCC by 2023.

Increased Mobility Choices



North Coast Bike Trail

The seven-mile North Coast Bike Trail will connect Solana Beach to northern Encinitas and expand the regional bike and pedestrian network. A suspended bike and pedestrian bridge will be built underneath the San Elijo Lagoon highway bridge to further increase north-south and east-west connectivity and accommodate multimodal travel options.

Improved Coastal Access



Chesterfield Drive Improvements

New coastal access improvements have been completed along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail line. These include a pedestrian rail undercrossing at the southern end of the San Elijo Lagoon and the redesigned at-grade rail crossing located at Chesterfield Drive. Both projects allow pedestrians to safely cross the rail line and expand coastal access within the Cardiff-by-the-Sea community. The Chesterfield Drive improvements also allowed the City of Encinitas to obtain a Quiet Zone designation at the rail crossing, eliminating a requirement for train engineers to sound the horn when approaching the at-grade crossing.



Additional North Coast Corridor Community Enhancements

Another critical North Coast Corridor mobility project includes a new 1.5-mile stretch of protected Class I bikeway, along the west side of I-5, connecting the Sorrento Valley Transit Station to major employment hubs in the San Diego communities of La Jolla and University City. This new section of bikeway, completed in 2018, was critical to closing a gap in the greater regional bike network, allowing bikers to now travel unimpeded between Mission Bay and State Route 56 (SR 56).

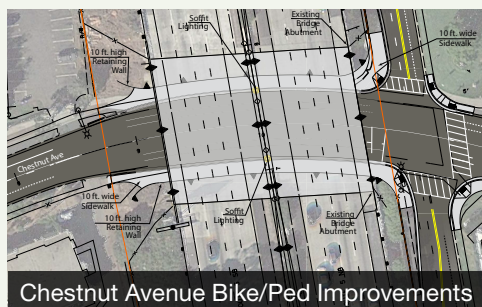


I-5/Genesee Avenue Class I Bikeway

Connecting Communities



Encinitas Boulevard Bike/Ped Improvements



Chestnut Avenue Bike/Ped Improvements

Separated bike and pedestrian paths were constructed at the Interstate 5 (I-5) interchanges at Santa Fe Drive and Encinitas Boulevard in Encinitas, and similar improvements will be constructed at Chestnut Avenue in Carlsbad. These enhancements help improve east-west connectivity and safety for people walking and biking to nearby schools, activity centers, and coastal resources. Community artwork is being incorporated in coordination with the cities.

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