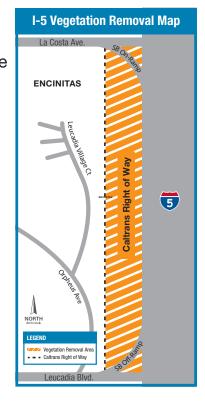
Construction Crews Prepare to Switch to Outside of I-5

## Vegetation Removal Required, 1,500+ Trees to Be Replanted

This winter, as part of preparatory work to switch Interstate 5 (I-5) Express Lanes construction operations to the outside of the freeway, trees and vegetation will need to be removed along the west side of the

freeway between La Costa Avenue and Leucadia Boulevard within the project limits. This vegetation clearing is necessary to accommodate the construction of a new carpool lane in each direction. Surrounding residents can expect to see tree and vegetation removal begin in late November and continue for four to six weeks.



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In coordination with the City of Encinitas, Caltrans and SANDAG took great care during the design phase to reduce the project footprint to minimize the removal of trees and vegetation. Trees along the project limit boundaries between Manchester Avenue and La Costa Avenue in the City of Encinitas are being re-evaluated by a Caltrans environmental specialist and City of Encinitas arborist to determine if they may remain in place prior to removal operations. During construction, nearby residents and businesses may experience noise and lights associated with vegetation clearing and removal, including OSHA-required vehicle back-up alarms.

Upon project completion in 2022, approximately 1,550 new Torrey Pines and Coast Live Oaks will be planted throughout the eight-mile Build NCC highway corridor, in addition to thousands of other non-invasive native shrubs and hydroseeded groundcover. The new plantings will be irrigated with 100 percent recycled water.

For more information, please visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/BuildNCC, email buildncc@keepsandiegomoving.com, or call 844-NCC-0050.

## **About Us**

Build NCC is a collaborative effort between the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), Caltrans, and the United States Department of Transportation. The first phase of construction is in the cities of Solana Beach, Encinitas, and Carlsbad as part of the North Coast Corridor Program. Build NCC includes extending the existing carpool lane on I-5 in each direction from Lomas Santa Fe Drive to State Route 78, double tracking the rail line and replacing the highway and rail bridges at the San Elijo Lagoon, restoring the San Elijo Lagoon, and constructing nearly seven miles of new bike and pedestrian trails. Construction on Build NCC began in early 2017 and will be complete by 2022.



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