North Coast Corridor Program
Fact Sheet

Offering More Transportation Choices and an Improved Quality of Life

The North Coast Corridor (NCC) Program is a comprehensive set of transportation, environment, and coastal access projects to improve the quality of life for residents, create a stronger local and regional economy for the future, and enhance the coastal environment. For more than a decade, Caltrans, SANDAG, local cities, resource agencies, and community members have been working together to identify, refine, and implement projects to comprehensively address the needs of the North Coast Corridor.

Express Lanes and More Trains

The NCC Program includes upgrades to the Interstate 5 (I-5) from La Jolla to Oceanside over the next few decades. Additional improvements include adding transit and freight capacity and enhancing reliability of the rail system for commuters. Together, these projects will create a more balanced transportation system for residents and coastal community visitors. Project highlights include:

- Construct 27 miles of Express Lanes from La Jolla to Oceanside ensuring a reliable, congestion-free travel option for carpools, vanpools, buses, and will be available to solo drivers for a fee
- Invest revenue generated from the Express Lanes into future NCC transit projects
- Improve more than 30 highway overpasses with better bike/pedestrian paths
- Double track 99 percent of the 60-mile San Diego segment of the LOSSAN coastal rail line
- Upgrade rail stations and platforms

Project Schedule and Funding

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Protecting and Enhancing Environmental Resources and Coastal Habitats

The NCC Program will preserve, protect, and enhance coastal habitat and improve water quality in the corridor’s six lagoons. These lagoons are unique natural resources and the NCC Program seeks to balance the needs of the transportation system while enhancing the surrounding environments. Project highlights include:

• Restore, preserve, or enhance several hundred acres of coastal habitat
• Build longer rail and highway bridges over three of the six lagoons that will ultimately improve tidal flow and overall lagoon health
• Fund lagoon restorations
• Significantly improve treatment to freeway run-off, safeguarding local waterways

Preserving Community Character and Improving Coastal Access

The seaside communities from La Jolla to Oceanside each have unique characteristics that define North San Diego’s scenic coastline. The NCC Program includes several community enhancement projects such as rail line pedestrian undercrossings and new bike and pedestrian paths to lagoons and other key destinations. Project highlights include:

• Create a new 27-mile bike route called the North Coast Bike Trail with a north/south connection from La Jolla to Oceanside and that links to regional east/west trails
• Erect transparent sound walls to help reduce freeway noise for residents and maintain coastal views
• Build four rail undercrossings to provide safe connections to the coast for pedestrians and bicyclists
• Construct seven miles of coastal rail trail

Project Status

The final environmental document was certified in early 2013. The Coastal Commission voted unanimously in August 2014 to approve the NCC Program’s Public Works Plan/Transportation and Resource Enhancement Program. Construction on I-5 and two coastal rail projects between the San Elijo and Batiquitos Lagoon will begin late 2015.