

ENCINITAS GRADE-SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

FACT SHEET



The Project

Three grade-separated pedestrian crossings are planned for the City of Encinitas along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor, in addition to the current crossing at Santa Fe Drive, which opened in 2013. The project includes utility relocation, underpasses, landscape improvements, environmental mitigation, and street crossing improvements on adjacent roadways.

The limited number of legal crossings of the rail line results in trespassing of the rail right-of-way and impedes pedestrian circulation.

The LOSSAN Corridor Strategic Plan adopted by Caltrans and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) calls for grade-separated pedestrian crossings. A programmatic Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the plan was certified by Caltrans and FRA in November 2007.



The Need

The purpose of the Encinitas grade-separated pedestrian crossings is to improve access and circulation across the rail corridor and improve rail/pedestrian safety. More than 50 passenger and freight trains travel on this segment of the coastal rail line on weekdays.

Project Costs

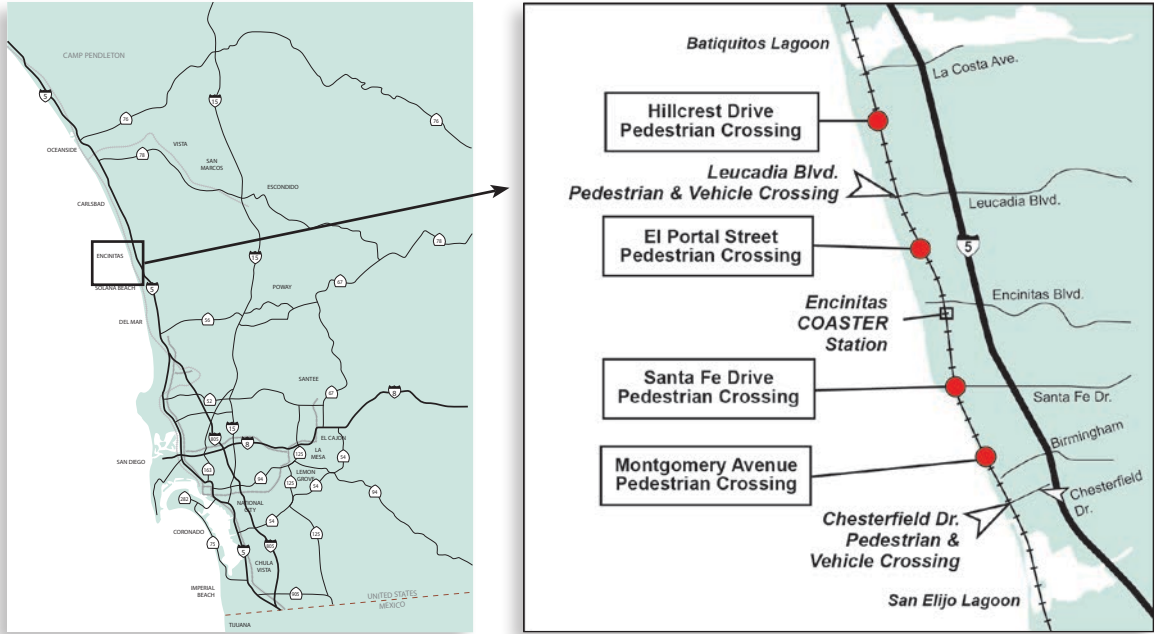
The total cost of the four pedestrian underpasses is estimated to be \$25.7 million.

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Project Status

The first of the four crossings completed was the Santa Fe crossing, which opened in February 2013.

The Santa Fe crossing complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act and provides safe connections not just for people walking, but also for people biking to the planned Coastal Rail Trail. The new rail underpass has significantly improved access to beaches, schools, commercial areas, and residential neighborhoods across a very active rail line.

In addition to completing the Santa Fe crossing, SANDAG has finished preliminary engineering and environmental review for two other crossings at El Portal Street and Montgomery Avenue. The environmental clearance for the fourth crossing at Hillcrest Drive has not yet been completed.

Funding Status

To date, the City of Encinitas and SANDAG have spent approximately \$6.7 million in state and local funds to build the Santa Fe Drive crossing and conduct preliminary engineering for the other three proposed crossings. The funding sources included \$1.25 million from the City of Encinitas and \$2.75 million from *TransNet*, the region's voter-approved, half-cent sales tax for transportation administered by SANDAG. Funding still needs to be identified to complete the remaining crossings.

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