



ENCINITAS COASTAL RAIL TRAIL FACT SHEET



Overview

The Encinitas segment of the Coastal Rail Trail is intended to connect many community assets including the Downtown Encinitas COASTER station, Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas, the Santa Fe Drive rail undercrossing, Swamis Seaside Park, George Berkich Park, Cardiff Elementary School, Cardiff State Beach, San Elijo State Beach and Campground, Carpentier Parkway, Downtown Cardiff, and Glen Park.

Since 2013, the project was presented at community meetings, various City of Encinitas committees, and Encinitas City Council as it progressed through preliminary engineering and early environmental stages. In June 2017, SANDAG and the City of Encinitas finalized the design for the project along the east side of the railroad tracks between Chesterfield Drive and the Santa Fe Undercrossing, in cooperation with North County Transit District and Caltrans.

The Coastal Rail Trail is a planned, continuous bike route that runs approximately 44 miles from Oceanside all the way to Santa Fe Depot in Downtown San Diego. The Coastal Rail Trail was initially planned in the mid-1990s, and is being constructed in segments by SANDAG and the various cities it traverses.

The Need

The project will help fulfill the vision laid out in the San Diego Regional Bike Plan to make riding a bike a useful form of transportation for everyday travel. The Bike Plan guides the development of a countywide bike system through 2050. The vision is to build a diverse

regional system of interconnected bike corridors, support facilities, and programs to enable residents to ride with greater safety and convenience within and between major activity centers.

The Bike Plan also supports implementation of both the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RCP calls for more transportation options and a balanced regional transportation system to support smart growth and a more sustainable lifestyle.

The region has made a significant investment in developing a Class I bikeway network. The Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program calls for completing four of the primary Class I bikeways: the Coastal Rail Trail, Bayshore Bikeway, Inland Rail Trail, and San Diego River Trail. The Early Action Program also includes high-priority projects in the region's most urbanized areas. The Encinitas Coastal Rail Trail project was one of the first high-priority projects to be funded for design and construction.

Project Status

The Encinitas Coastal Rail Trail opened to the public in May 2019.

Project Funding

Design, engineering, and construction of the Coastal Rail Trail were funded by federal, state, and local funds, including the regional *TransNet* half-cent sales tax for transportation administered by SANDAG.

For More Information

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PROJECT MAP

