

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Beach Sand Replenishment Work to Begin



In November, Caltrans and SANDAG crews will begin sand replenishment work at South Ponto State Beach on the Carlsbad-Encinitas city line as part of the Batiquitos Lagoon Double Track Project. Initial activities will include dredging within the Batiquitos Lagoon and hauling sand from the lagoon to the beach. **The majority of this work will take place Monday through Friday intermittently between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. and is expected to be completed by April 2026.**

During work hours, nearby residents and businesses can expect construction dust and noise, including Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) required vehicle back-up alarms. People traveling along Coast Highway 101 between La Costa Avenue in Encinitas and Poinsettia Lane in Carlsbad may experience minor travel delays on days that crews work to transport the sand from the lagoon onto the beach (please see map for reference). The South Ponto State Beach will remain open during this work and flaggers will be in place to guide traffic, as needed.

These beach nourishment activities will pause during the summer months each year to accommodate the California Least Tern nesting season and will resume again the following fall. Once the project is fully complete in 2028, up to 50,000 cubic yards of sand will have been deposited onto the beach and the nearby California Least Tern nesting habitat.



Please note, construction schedules are subject to change. We appreciate your patience as we work to deliver this project to the community.



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About the Project

The Batiquitos Lagoon Double Track Project will add 0.6 miles of new double track from Avenida Encinas in Carlsbad to La Costa Avenue in Encinitas. The addition of the second track will allow trains traveling in opposite directions to pass without slowing down or stopping. In doing so, the project will help provide faster, more predictable travel times for both passenger trains and freight trains.

The project will also replace the existing 80-year-old wooden trestle bridge over the Batiquitos Lagoon with a modern, concrete double track bridge. The new bridge will widen the lagoon channels underneath the bridge, helping to improve tidal flow for local wildlife. For more information, please visit our project webpage at SANDAG.org/BLDT.

About Build NCC

Build NCC is a collaborative effort between 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/HOV lane on Interstate 5 in each direction from Lomas Santa Fe Drive to State Route 78, double-tracking the rail line, and constructing nearly 7 miles of new bike and pedestrian trails. Construction on Build NCC began in early 2017.

For More Information

Email buildncc@sandag.org

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Text **BuildNCC** to **760.454.0077** to receive construction alerts

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