



The City of Encinitas:

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
FINAL REPORT
Vulcan Avenue Pedestrian Path
Case No. CPP-008531-2025**

The Vulcan Avenue Pedestrian Path project proposes to construct a decomposed granite (DG) path along the west side of North Vulcan Avenue. The proposed pathway will be constructed in the existing dirt & gravel parkway that is directly parallel to the NCTD railroad fence. The scope of work includes a wooden pedestrian bridge crossing over an existing outfall, relocation of signs as required, and connection to existing pedestrian crossings. No reduction in existing parallel parking spaces or removal of existing trees is proposed. The intent of this project is to provide a more defined, interim ADA-compliant pathway along a major connector road in the Leucadia community.

A neighborhood meeting was held on January 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Encinitas City Hall – Poinsettia Room. A letter and vicinity map notifying all property owners and occupants within 500 feet of the project site about the meeting was mailed on December 17, 2025. Additional community groups if applicable were also notified by the request of interested City departments. Of the 2,147 notices that were mailed out, 30 were returned as undeliverable. The meeting was hosted by Badr Suleiman, the project manager from the City's Engineering Department CIP Division. Twenty-one (21) citizens attended the meeting. Representing the City's Engineering Department was Dan Nutter, Matthew Widelski & Badr Suleiman. The Engineering Department's design consultant, NV5, was represented by Andrea Thomas and Michael Rocco. After project team introductions, a brief presentation on the proposed project was made by Badr Suleiman. After the presentation, there was a question and answer session regarding the details of the proposed project. The meeting ended at 7:20 PM.

The questions, comments, and responses shared during the meeting are as follows:

Citizens asked approximately 15 specific questions during the meeting.

Question No. 1: Why are there only RRFB crosswalks on the North end? Can crosswalks be added at Glaucas Street or Jason Street? The south end of Vulcan needs better access for pedestrians and cars are speeding down Vulcan.

Response: The City's Traffic Division evaluates and installs Rapid-Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFP) pedestrian crossing where warranted. The current scope of the project is not meant to install traffic calming measures along N Vulcan Avenue; however, our Traffic Division will investigate this issue further.

Follow up: The City's Traffic Division is evaluating the feasibility of installing Rapid-Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFP) pedestrian crossing(s) at these two (2) intersections.

Question No. 2: Is the design of the project fully funded?

Response: The design of the project is fully funded. No construction funding has been identified or allocated for this project.

Question No. 3: Can the wheel stops be moved further west to add a slight buffer for the pedestrians and improve sight distance? The cars are too close to the road.

Response: The project team will investigate this issue to determine which areas of parking can be narrowed while maintaining the pedestrian path.

Question No. 4: Can we limit the size or type of vehicles in the parallel parking zone?

Response: We can look into this.

Question No. 5: How will this project handle the drainage/flooding issues of Leucadia?

Response: This project will look to convey surface flow across towards the NCTD drainage ditch and improve permeability of the area through the DG trail; however, this project is not meant to address the infrastructure & flooding issues along N Vulcan Avenue. There is a Master Drainage Plan for Leucadia which is a long-term effort to improve drainage in this area. Citizens are recommended to take part in the upcoming Strategic Budget Workshops with City Council in February 2026 to express these concerns.

Question No. 6: Is the meant to be our Coastal Rail Trail project?

Response: This project is not meant to be City-version of the Coastal Rail Trial Project. That will be dependent on how & when the double tracking of Leucadia occurs with SANDAG/NCTD.

Question No. 7: Is this project going to compete with funding with the at-grade crossings?

Response: Almost all Capital Improvement Projects compete for funding – as such, the City Council dictates which projects are prioritized for construction funding each Fiscal Year.

Question No. 8: Is this path in the NCTD ROW? Are they okay with this project?

Response: Yes, this is in the NCTD ROW. Yes, we are moving forward with a modified Parking License Agreement to the area to incorporate this pathway.

Question No. 9: Is path meant to be continued to South Vulcan Avenue, south of Leucadia Blvd?

Response: Not at this time. That may be a future project is decided by City Council. This project is specific to North Vulcan.

Question No. 10: How long will this project take to be constructed?

Response: We would conservatively estimate 5-6 months for construction. This will be fine tuned as we go through design. It will generally depend on the means & methods we allow (phasing) for construction of such a long segment of area.

Question No. 11: Is the private driveway on the North end in City ROW?

Response: Yes, it would be City ROW, but it is a private driveway apron.

Question No. 12: Will the ongoing erosion and drainage issues be more of a City maintenance issue moving forward?

Response: Correct, the project will attempt to minimize erosion and flooding where feasible; however, the ongoing efforts will be a maintenance activity from the City.

Question No. 13: Who controls the intersection at Leucadia & Vulcan? Who determines the crossings at the railroad.

Response: The actual crossing is controlled by NCTD. The signals are controlled by the City. The City can investigate the crossings at the railroad and why there are no crossings at the Southside. Once the double-tracking occurs, that'll complicate the pedestrian & vehicular phases even further.

Question No. 14: Where would NCTD put the double track?

Response: No official direction has been given by NCTD/SANDAG on where the double track will go in this area. It is possible that the East side is the likeliest.

Question No. 15: Is there any possibility of Landscaping in this area? What if donations were given?

Response: The City can & does accept private donations. It is possible but would need to be approved by NCTD. However, the scope of the project is not intended in beautification of this area currently. Also, landscaping/irrigation would introduce additional water in an area that is inundated with stormwater.

The following comments were also received during the meeting:

Comment No. 1: The parallel parking lane is way too close to the travel lane and someone could get hurt. Need to shift the wheel stops over to add a buffer and improve sight distance. Maybe remove parking where it's too narrow.

Response: The project team will evaluate the Wheel Stop locations and determine which, if any, are suitable for adjustment. The wheel stops will need to be placed to maintain an adequate parking lane, as well as, facilitate the desired path width.

Comment No. 2: Closer to La Costa, the dirt comes out and pushes you into the road.

Response: Decomposed Granite will help mitigate issues of dirt run-off. The project team will investigate the private driveway near La Costa Avenue to determine which material substitution is best warranted in this case.

Comment No. 3: Thank you for this improvement. This will improve our connectivity.

Comment No. 4: The crosswalks need to be installed and are integral for this project.

Response: Please refer to the City's response in Question #1 (page 1).

Comment No. 5: This project will move much faster than the at-grade crossing project due to permitting. This can be completed much faster.

Response: The design of this project will be completed prior to the At-Grade crossing project design. Construction prioritizations are made by the City Council.

Comment No. 6: The City Council is planning to spend more money on Santa Fe Drive. This project would be a better candidate for additional funding.

Response: Funding priorities are determined by the Encinitas City Council. Residents are encouraged to attend Strategic Workshops with City Council to express projects and community needs.

Comment No. 7: I'm very happy you are tying into the south asphalt sidewalk and making space to enter this area.

Comment No. 8: The gravel near the project north limit is not easy to navigate.

Response: The project team will investigate the private driveway near La Costa Avenue to determine which material substitution is best warranted in this case.

Comment No. 9: Trash cans help a lot, please add and keep the ones existing.

Response: The project team will look to add Trash Cans along the pathway.

Comment No. 10: There's a lot of pedestrian activity at the Leucadia Children's School. This may need to be analyzed for safe crossing.

Response: Please refer to the City's response in Question #1 (page 1).

Comment No. 11: The lake that happens at Jason Street is going to wash out this improvement. Need to have some type of mitigation to avoid this issue.

Response: Please refer to the City's response in Question #5 (page 2).

Comment No. 12: Stormwater is creating rivulets in the existing dirt. Somewhat of a danger while walking. Needs to be maintained.

Response: The remedial grading of the project will remedy these issues. Ongoing maintenance will be the shared responsibility of the City's Public Works Department and NCTD.

Comment No. 13: The diagram/rendering from the presentation may be misleading in terms of width. 6-ft is too narrow in certain areas. Suggest widening.

Response: The project team is evaluating widening the pathway to 8-foot wide wherever feasible.

Comment No. 14: Off Coral Cove & Ashbury, there are drainage ditches that you'll need to mitigate for. Right now, the HOA pays to have the water pumped over to the outfall and it doesn't drain properly to the NCTD ditch. May need multiple bridges.

Response: The project team is evaluating the two (2) outfall locations and the best method of conveying the stormwater within the project scope.

Comment No. 15: I live off Glaucus and people come walking down the hill. It will be a funnel to the path.

Response: The project team is evaluating pedestrian crossings on the south end of the project to help manage access to the proposed path.

Comment No. 16: There shouldn't be any buffer between the pathway and the wheel stops. Need to shift the cars over to the west to give some space for cars.

Response: The project team will evaluate the Wheel Stop locations and determine which, if any, are suitable for adjustment. The wheel stops will need to be placed to maintain an adequate parking lane, as well as, facilitate the desired path width.

The following questions/comments were received through Comment Cards or Email(s) at or before the meeting:

Comment Card No. 01: Glad it's happening. Doesn't need to be 6-ft wide, but important project. Glad you are doing it. Need to reduce allowed vehicle parking to exclude RV's & Buses

Response: The project team will communicate with the City's Traffic Division to see if special parking restrictions are warranted in this location. The current scope of this project is to establish a pedestrian path, not modify the parking configuration.

Comment Card No. 02: While Important that it occurs, drainage on nearby resident street take priority over this. Address Street flooding first. Address infrastructure that doesn't appear on drawings and brought up at the meeting.

Response: Please see the City's Response in Question #5 (page 2).

Comment Card No. 03: Mabe gravel instead of DG in some areas of flooding. Maybe limit parking narrow areas.

Response: Gravel is not considered an ADA-compliant path material, which is why Decomposed Granite is a popular path surface used by many agencies. It is also a porous material which will help percolate water into the ground.

Email Comment (Page 14): Thank you for this much needed improvement to the North Vulcan corridor. Do you have any additional renderings other than the neighborhood notice? It is very unclear as to the location - you mention the dirt path area - I am assuming this will be WEST of Vulcan and east of the railroad tracks. Are you planning to extend this path south of Leucadia Blvd to Encinitas Blvd which would be a welcome and also much-needed area of high pedestrian traffic and also provide additional access to the 101 corridor where the underpass has already been developed. You mention no tree removal and I don't know where trees are located in this stretch. Do you have any proposed width dimensions? Will there be room for a designated bike path? Can you clarify INTERIM ADA compliance? Will there be delineation for parallel parking, and how will all this transition from Vulcan pavement? I will not be able to attend the meeting, so please share my thoughts, and will you also provide notes/content/conclusion of the meeting.

Response: The proposed decomposed granite path will be located west of Vulcan Avenue and east of the railroad fence, extending from Leucadia Boulevard to La Costa Avenue, with no current plans to extend south of Leucadia Boulevard. The path is intended for pedestrian use only, will be approximately 6 feet wide (up to 8 feet where feasible), and is designed as an interim ADA-accessible improvement with no changes to existing parking or bike facilities.

At the end of the Q&A session, City Staff thanked the citizens who attended for their time and comments. The meeting ended around 7:20 PM. Additional questions and comments were received through the City's Engineering Public Notices website, via emails to the Project Team & an Online Feedback Survey hosted through Microsoft Forms. Access to the Online Survey was active from December 17th, 2025 through January 20th, 2026. Eight (8) public comments/questions were received through the Online Feedback Survey and the City responses are available on Page 10 of this report. Only one (1) public comment was received via email (page 14) and three (3) comment cards were filled out during the meeting – and they are written & responded to on Page 6 and attached in this document for reference Attendees were informed that a report (including the sign-in sheet, comment sheets, and correspondence received) would be prepared and submitted to the Development Services Department. Once approved, a copy of the report will be distributed to all CPP participants.



Engineering Department

Citizen Participation Program

Ordinance 2001-02 (Original) Ordinance 2001-11 (Amended) Ordinance 2008-21 (Amended)

Sign in Sheet – January 13, 2026

Project Name: Vulcan Avenue DG Pedestrian Path (CS24D)

Project Address: 310 Ocean View Avenue

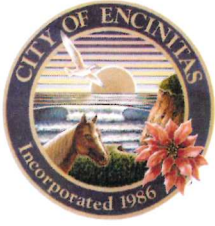
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Michael Murray	238 RAIN TREE DR.	lem.murray123@gmail.com	No
Nancy DeChionno	1773 Wdstone Ave	dogs92024@yahoo.com	no
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*If you did not receive notice but would like to be added to the mailing list, please include an address for future mailings.

ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM

Id	Start time	Completion time	Do you have any comments regarding the information presented?	City Response (if applicable)	(OPTIONAL) NAME - Please provide your contact information in case we need your assistance with	(OPTIONAL) PHONE NUMBER - Please provide your contact information in case we need	(OPTIONAL) EMAIL ADDRESS - Please provide your contact information	(OPTIONAL) MAILING ADDRESS - Please provide your contact information in case we need
1	1/7/2026 9:21	1/7/2026 9:26	As a 40+ year Leucadia resident I walk the dirt "path" next to the railroad tracks on Vulcan usually 3 times per week, except, of course during or after rain storms which flood the area forcing me to walk in street traffic. A new DG path would be a huge improvement and much appreciated. How will you deal with flooding in that area?	This project will look to convey surface flow across towards the NCTD drainage ditch and improve permeability of the area through the DG trail; however, this project is not meant to address the infrastructure & flooding issues along N Vulcan Avenue. There is a Master Drainage Plan for Leucadia which is a long-term effort to improve drainage in this area. Citizens are recommended to take part in the upcoming Strategic Budget Workshops with City Council in February 2026 to express these concerns.	Jeff Young	7604200227	jeffyong1@cox.net	1482 Sanford Ln, Encinitas, CA, 92024
2	1/7/2026 9:28	1/7/2026 9:31	Critical upgrade to the community from a safety perspective.		Anthony Tripodi	8585252657	abtripodi@gmail.com	1946 Sheridan Road, Encinitas, CA, 92024
3	1/7/2026 20:10	1/7/2026 20:15	We do need a pedestrian path for sure, but for those walking their dogs the DG is so hard on the paws. I also can't run on DG. You cannot push a stroller. The DG that is there now is usually all over the street and doesn't seem to stay on "the path" for some reason. It's especially messy at the most Northern end of Vulcan.	The existing material in this area is Cement-Treated Base & Native Soil, which is causing the difficulty for pedestrians and dogs. The DG material will be a more defined, walkable trail for the community.	Frances Walters		franceswalters55@gmail.com	1863 Wilstone Ave, Encinitas
4	1/8/2026 17:34	1/8/2026 17:39	I am writing in support of the Vulcan DG pedestrian path. I would suggest that you put signs up that state "pedestrian only". I use this path daily and sometimes see e-bikes speeding past me as well as push bikes. Also, please pay attention to the doggie poo bags, they get used up quickly and sometimes are empty for several days. I love this path, it keeps me out of the traffic and an easy place to take my dog for a walk. Thanks!	Staff will investigate this issue and evaluate Pedestrian-Only signs.	Alison Young Haramis	7608463300	alisonsurf@yahoo.com	1333 Hermes, Encinitas, 92024
5	1/13/2026 14:07	1/13/2026 14:07	Test		Test	Test	Test	Test
6	1/13/2026 18:14	1/13/2026 18:24	Agree with the suggestion to move the parallel parking area as far west as possible for safety of pedestrians crossing at locations that do not have dedicated cross walks as there are only two and that is u realistically insufficient.	Staff is investigating the ability to modify the parallel parking wheel stops to the West, as well as, adding crosswalks on N Vulcan Ave.	Scott Davis	3376938938	scottrd88@gmail.com	1549 N Vulcan Ave SPC 66
7	1/14/2026 9:03	1/14/2026 9:37	An improved interim DG path is highly needed along the west side of Vulcan. Thank you for your efforts in designing a path that will support mobility along this constricted corridor.		Dianna Mansi Nunez		dnunez@cox.net	
8	1/18/2026 13:33	1/18/2026 13:36	A lot of people use this area as a bathroom for their dogs. What do you propose to do about all the fecal dog waste along this corridor?	The project will look to install doggy bags and trash cans.				
9	1/20/2026 14:23	1/20/2026 14:29	This path is so needed for pedestrian travel and more importantly, for safety for both pedestrians and vehicles. Thank you for pursuing this.		Carol Heil			Carolheil@me.com



COMMENT SHEET

CPP Neighborhood Meeting Vulcan Avenue Pedestrian Path (CS24D)

January 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Poinsettia Room, Encinitas City Hall
505 S. Vulcan Ave. Encinitas, CA 92024

Please list any issues or concerns regarding this project

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Do you have any additional feedback on the information presented about the project?

Important project. Glad you are doing it.
Need to reduce allowed vehicles parking to exclude
RVs + buses

The following are optional, but will assist us in contacting you if necessary to evaluate your input.

NAME: Rebecca Ross

PHONE NUMBER: 650 867 5550

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: 1482 Coral Berry Ln



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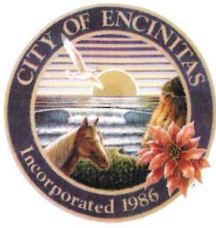
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NAME: Wes Sechrest

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ADDRESS: 1340 Hermes Ave



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Thank you!

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NAME: Jane Howsberger

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: LOS285@mac.com

Badr Suleiman

From: Alice Lyles <alicelyles@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 10:32 AM
To: Badr Suleiman
Subject: Re: Vulcan Ave Pedestrian Path

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Thank you very much.

On Thu, Jan 8, 2026 at 8:50 AM Badr Suleiman <bsuleiman@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

Hi Alice,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the Vulcan Avenue Pedestrian Path project. I'm happy to provide additional information and clarification.

I have attached a sample rendering that illustrates the general intent and design concept for the decomposed granite (DG) pedestrian path. As you noted, the path will be located west of North Vulcan Avenue and directly east of the railroad fence. The current project limits extend from Leucadia Boulevard to La Costa Avenue. At this time, City Council has not identified plans to extend the DG path south of Leucadia Boulevard.

The path is currently designed to be 6 feet wide; however, the City is evaluating opportunities to widen it to up to 8 feet where feasible within existing constraints. The primary function of the path is to accommodate pedestrian travel. Bicyclists will continue to use the existing shared lane (sharrow) on Vulcan Avenue, as the DG path is not intended to serve as a designated bike facility.

The overall goal of the project is to provide an ADA-accessible pedestrian route along this important segment of Vulcan Avenue, where an informal dirt path exists today. This improvement is intended to serve as an interim ADA-compliant facility until the Coastal Rail Trail can be extended through Encinitas by NCTD and SANDAG. The existing parallel parking configuration along Vulcan Avenue will remain unchanged. The DG path will tie in at the existing grade of the surrounding dirt area to maintain accessibility and minimize impacts.

N Vulcan Avenue & E Glaucus



We appreciate your interest in the project and your thoughtful questions. A Final Report from the CPP meeting, including the presentation materials and a summary of questions and responses, will be posted and shared following the meeting.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,



Badr Suleiman, P.E.

Engineer II - City of Encinitas

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From: Alice Lyles <alicelyles@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 2, 2026 9:04 AM
To: Badr Suleiman <bsuleiman@encinitasca.gov>
Cc: Alice Lyles <alicelyles@gmail.com>
Subject: Vulcan Ave Pedestrian Path

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