

Batiquitos Lagoon Double Track Project

Fact Sheet

Schedule And Funding

Status

Construction

Current Budget

\$165.6 million

Estimated Project Cost

\$165.6 million

Completion:

- » Design complete 2022
- » Construction anticipated to be complete in 2028

Funding Sources:

- » Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP)
- » Federal Transit Administration
- » State SBI Local Partnership Program
- » TransNet

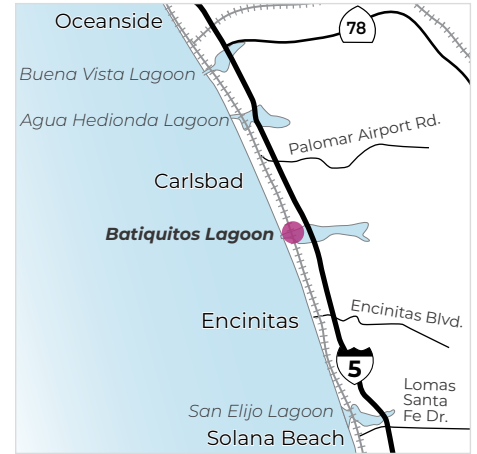
The Project

The project will add 0.6 miles of second rail track from Avenida Encinas in Carlsbad to La Costa Avenue in Encinitas across the Batiquitos Lagoon. The project also includes replacing a wooden trestle bridge, built in the 1940s, with a modern, double-track concrete rail bridge.

The Need

The purpose of this project is to add a passing track to allow for future growth in train service. Replacing the wooden trestle bridge with a modern steel and concrete structure will improve tidal and flood flows underneath the bridge. The passing track will allow for future increases in train service for passenger trains and for freight trains. This will alleviate passenger train delays that currently occur.

Additionally, the double tracking in this segment directly supports the objectives of SANDAG, North County Transit District (NCTD), Amtrak, and BNSF Railway to increase the efficiency and reliability of the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) coastal rail corridor, not only to accommodate existing train volumes, but also to provide for future passenger and freight demand.



This project is a critical part of the 351-mile long LOSSAN rail corridor and serves as a vital link for passenger and freight movements in the San Diego region. The LOSSAN corridor is the second busiest intercity passenger rail line in the United States and is the only viable freight rail link between San Diego and the rest of the nation.

Importance of the LOSSAN Corridor

The LOSSAN rail line is a vital component of the north-south corridor through the San Diego region. The NCTD COASTER commuter rail service, Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner intercity service, and BNSF Railway freight service all rely upon this segment of track. To date, more than three-quarters of the county's LOSSAN rail corridor has been double tracked. Double tracking allows trains traveling in opposite directions to pass without slowing down or stopping.

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