

OCEANSIDE TRANSIT CENTER PLATFORM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

FACT SHEET

TOTAL COST: \$28.1 million

COMPLETION: 2017



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The Project

The Oceanside Transit Center (OTC) is one of the busiest in the San Diego region, where more than 1.2 million passengers annually board trains and buses. The station connects transit services between San Diego, Orange, Riverside, and Los Angeles counties.

To enhance regional transit service, SANDAG and the North County Transit District (NCTD) are undertaking an expansion of the transit center to increase the number of trains that can board passengers simultaneously and allow freight trains to move through the station while passenger trains are boarding.

Planned improvements include adding a third rail track in the center of the railroad right-of-way, building a new 1,000-foot-long boarding platform to the south, adding a new passenger walkway at the southern end of the transit center, and modifying existing boarding platforms, as needed. After the project is done, COASTER trains will be able to use the new track, leaving the two existing main rail lines available for Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, Metrolink, and passing freight trains.

As part of the renovation, rail turnouts and crossovers will be installed to enable trains to shift tracks as they approach the platforms.

Station improvements include customer amenities such as new shelters, seating, and electronic signs displaying real-time arrivals and departures. New directional lighting will be designed to illuminate the platform while minimizing light to the surrounding area.



The Oceanside Transit Center serves more than 1.2 million train and bus passengers annually.

The Need

The Oceanside Transit Center is a major transportation hub located in the San Diego segment of the LOSSAN (Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo) coastal rail corridor. More than 220 passenger and freight trains, light rail trains, and buses pass through the station each weekday, and more than 135



Planned improvements at the transit center include adding a third rail track in the center of the railroad right-of-way, and a 1,000-foot-long boarding platform and passenger walkway at the southern end.

on weekends. The transit center is served by the NCTD COASTER, Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, Metrolink commuter trains, SPINTER light rail, BREEZE buses, Riverside Transit Agency bus service, and private bus carriers. BNSF Railway freight trains also pass through this station as they move goods throughout the Southwest.

Because improvements at the station are essential to the overall performance of the rail line, the project was ranked as a near-term priority project by the LOSSAN Prioritization Analysis. In addition, it is included in the SANDAG *TransNet* Early Action Program of regional transportation improvements.

This project is a critical part of the 351-mile LOSSAN rail corridor and serves as a vital link for passenger and freight movement. The 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.

When combined with other projects in the corridor, the improvements at Oceanside Transit Center will reduce travel times for passengers, improve system reliability, allow for an increase in goods movement, help

reduce car and truck volumes on Interstate 5 (I-5), and provide for increased passenger and freight rail services in the future.

Corridor Strategy

SANDAG is planning and constructing projects valued at \$1 billion in the San Diego County segment of the LOSSAN corridor, including a large-scale effort to double track the corridor from Orange County to Downtown San Diego. To date, more than 60 percent of the San Diego segment has been double tracked, which allows two trains traveling in opposite directions to pass without slowing down or stopping, increasing efficiency and reliability. By 2030, more than 97 percent of the corridor is expected to be double tracked. Other infrastructure improvements include bridge and track replacements, new platforms, pedestrian crossings, and other safety and operational enhancements.

The rail enhancements are part of a strategy to improve all modes of transportation within the congested I-5 North Coast Corridor (NCC). The NCC Program is a balanced set of transportation, environmental, and coastal access projects to improve the quality of life for residents, create a stronger local and regional economy for the future, and enhance the coastal environment.

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$28.1 million. The project is fully funded through construction. Project funding sources include \$3.4 million in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, \$3.7 million in Federal Transit Administration funds, and \$21 million from *TransNet*, the regional half-cent sales tax for transportation administered by SANDAG.

Project Status

Construction began in June 2016, with completion expected in late 2017.

For More Information

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