

# COASTAL RAIL TRAIL: OCEANSIDE SEGMENT FACT SHEET



### The Project

The Coastal Rail Trail is part of a planned 44-mile bike trail from the City of Oceanside to the City of San Diego. In spring 2014, SANDAG, in cooperation with Oceanside, completed a portion of the planned trail between Oceanside Boulevard and Wisconsin Avenue, along the west side of railroad property owned by the North County Transit District (NCTD).

The Oceanside segment, which stretches for two thousand feet, connects with another portion north of Wisconsin Avenue in Oceanside that was completed in February 2013. The project extends an existing Class I bike path. Class I bike paths are physically separate from vehicular traffic.

The Rail Trail is part of a large network of bicycle facilities under construction throughout San Diego County, guided by Riding to 2050: The San Diego Regional Bike Plan. The Rail Trail runs through multiple San Diego coastal cities. Several projects along the trail are located in Oceanside.

### The Need

Construction of the Oceanside Coastal Rail Trail helps to fulfill the vision laid out in the San Diego Regional Bike Plan, which is intended to guide the development of a countywide bicycle system through 2050. The plan envisions a diverse regional bike system of interconnected bike corridors, support facilities, and programs to make biking more practical and desirable to a broader range of people in our region. An interconnected bicycle network would enable

residents to ride on more direct routes, with greater safety and convenience within and between major regional destinations and activity centers.

In September 2013, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP), a \$200-million initiative to add about 77 miles of new bikeways throughout the region over the next decade. The completed Oceanside segment is part of the EAP.

Recent local and regional bicycling questionnaires have found that residents are willing to bicycle more frequently when better bicycle infrastructure and bicycle-related programs are provided. Having a more bike-friendly region helps resolve multiple complex and interrelated issues, including traffic congestion, air pollution, climate change, livability challenges, and the obesity public health crisis.

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. A policy objective of the RCP is to “create more walkable and bicycle-friendly communities consistent with good urban design concepts.” The RTP calls for a multimodal regional transportation network that includes a regional bicycle network.

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# Coastal Rail Trail – Oceanside Segment 2B



The Regional Bike Plan was developed by evaluating the existing regional corridor network and programs to identify opportunities and constraints to bicycling in the San Diego region. Policies to establish a system of safe, convenient, and regionally significant bicycle facilities – including standard bikeways, bicycle boulevards, and bicycle parking – are included in the plan. The plan also calls for an annual evaluation.

### Project Costs

The Oceanside Coastal Rail Trail project cost approximately \$2.45 million. This work included design, environmental compliance, construction, and construction inspection.

### Project Status

Construction began in summer 2013 and was completed in spring 2014.

### Project Funding

About \$1.52 million came from the federal Transportation Enhancements program. Another \$931,000 came from *TransNet*, the regional half-cent sales tax for transportation administered by SANDAG.

### For More Information

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