

San Clemente Coastal Trail - Phase 2 Construction



Conservancy Program(s)

System of Public Accessways

Project Type(s)

Access
Coast Trail

City(s)

San Clemente

County(s)

Orange

Region(s)

South Coast

Trail Miles

3 Miles

Conservancy Contribution

\$500,000

Matching Funds

\$2,900,000

Total Project Cost

\$3,400,000

Partner(s)

Local Government
California Department of Parks and Recreation
City of San Clemente
U.S. Department of Transportation

Assembly District(s)

73

State Senate District(s)

38

Congressional District(s)

44

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Description

The Coastal Conservancy has granted a total of \$1,000,000 to the City of San Clemente from Proposition 40 to complete the California Coastal Trail (CCT) within the city limits. This multi-million dollar project was completed by the City using funds from a variety of sources in addition to the Conservancy, including the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Federal Department of Transportation, Orange County, and the City of San Clemente.

The trail (known locally as the "San Clemente Railroad Corridor Pedestrian Beach Trail") runs along the San Clemente shoreline from North Beach to Calafia State Beach and is located inland of the railroad tracks in the railroad right-of-way owned by the Orange County Transit Authority. In order to provide adequate separation of pedestrians from the railroad tracks, the trail has been set back as far from the tracks as far as possible. Rustic fencing and landscaping with native vegetation provide for clear visual and physical separation from the tracks along the entire length of the trail. The trail is composed of natural materials, either compacted earth or decomposed granite, for most of its length but consists of elevated boardwalk in two locations to avoid impacts to wetland areas.

The first phase of trail construction, to which the Conservancy provided a grant of \$500,000, created or improved 2.5 miles of trail and included the installation of two at-grade, signalized track crossings to allow the public to safely access the trail and the beach from the neighborhoods and public parking lots located just inland from the railroad corridor. The current, and final phase, will create two new pedestrian undercrossings, construct two stairways from two existing at-grade crossings down to the beach, construct a number of public safety improvements at three existing at-grade crossings, and extend the trail an additional 0.5 miles.



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