



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Application of the City of Oceanside to construct one (1) pedestrian trail underpass at Loma Alta Creek within the City of Oceanside, San Diego County (CPUC #106-227.56-BD) and DOT (# 973289C).

Application Number: XX-XX-XXX

(Filed _____)

APPLICATION

The City of Oceanside (City or Applicant) hereby respectfully requests authority from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) to construct a 6-ft. wide pedestrian underpass trail in the City of Oceanside between South Coast Highway and Pacific Street, which is part of the proposed Loma Alta Slough Wetlands Enhancement Project (Project).

In support of this application the Applicant asserts that:

1. The Applicant's exact legal name is the City of Oceanside and City is a municipal corporation formed pursuant to the City of Oceanside – Code of Ordinances (Part 1 – Article 1- Section 102)
2. The Applicant's principal place of business is 300 N Coast Hwy, Oceanside, CA 92054. The main telephone number is (760) 435 – 4500.
3. All correspondence, communication, notices, orders and other papers relative to this application should be addressed to: Bronti Cash, Watershed Protection Program Manager, at the above address and at the following e-mail address: BCash@oceansideca.org. Ms. Cash is an employee of the City of Oceanside, Water Utilities Department and the Applicant's authorized agent.
4. The pedestrian trail underpass at Loma Alta Creek is part of the Loma Alta Slough Wetlands Enhancement Project, an ongoing project to restore natural wetland habitat and improve coastal resources. The City is working cooperatively with stakeholders including government agencies and local conservation groups.

The Loma Alta Slough Wetlands Enhancement Project limits are within San Diego County, City of Oceanside. The total Loma Alta Slough Wetlands Enhancement Project length is approximately 1,250 LF and consists of a 50 LF pedestrian trail underpass, generally aligned in an east/west direction. The pedestrian trail underpass will consist of grading, landscaping, and a boardwalk. To ensure public safety, the City will be installing a fence to limit access to the North County Transit District (NCTD) right-of-way.

5. This application and relief sought herein is filed pursuant to Sections 1201 through 1205, inclusive, of the Public Utilities Code and in accordance with Rules 3.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
6. The legal descriptions for the locations of the pedestrian trail underpass (Rule 3.7(a)) are provided in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part of hereof.
7. The crossing identification numbers of the nearest existing public crossings on each side of the proposed crossings (Rule 3.7(b)) are as follows: The nearest existing crossing to the North of the proposed crossing is a North County Transit District (NCTD) at-grade crossing at Oceanside Boulevard, Oceanside CA 92054 between Cleaveland Street (to the East) and S. Myers St. (to the West), at crossing number 026 817 P. The nearest existing crossing to the South is a NCTD at-grade crossing at Cassidy Street, Oceanside CA 92054 between Broadway Street (to the East) and S. Myers Street (to the West), at crossing number 026 818 W. Additionally, there is a dirt trail directly south of the proposed crossing underneath the same bridge.
8. The Project drawings showing the general surrounding structures (Rule 3.7(d)) , relation to existing roads and railroads in the general vicinity (Rule 3.7(e)) and the proposed underpass profile (Rule 3.7(f)), and survey exhibits are provided in Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part thereof.
9. The City of Oceanside will be responsible for the maintenance of the pedestrian trail underpass.
10. The pedestrian trail underpass is built in an environmentally sensitive area and does not include lighting, similar to the current pedestrian path. The trail will be closed at night to ensure public safety and preservation of flora and fauna.
11. In extreme weather conditions, it is possible the trail may flood during rain events. The City of Oceanside will be responsible for closing the pedestrian trail gates before significant rain events to ensure public safety.
12. In support of the pedestrian trail underpass, letters of support for the Project were provided by the President of the Preserve Calavera, the President of the Buena Vista Audubon Society, the Friends of the Loma Alta Creek, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Mayor of the City of Oceanside. These are provided in Exhibit C, attached hereto and made a part therefore.
13. The City of Oceanside, as the lead under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), with subconsultants Environmental Science Associates (ESA) prepared the Final Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). The Notice of Availability for the IS/MND is provided in Exhibit D1, attached hereto and made a part thereof.
14. Attached hereto as Exhibit D2 is the Technical Memorandum demonstrating this application is in conformity with the CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan.
15. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is the Scoping Memo for this application.
16. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is the Certificate of Service for this application.
17. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is the Verification for this application.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant respectfully requests:

1. That the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California issue an Order authorizing construction of one (1) pedestrian trail underpass at Loma Alta Creek under the North County Transit District mainline tracks, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1201-1205, inclusive of California Public Utilities Code.
2. That the Order provides the City of Oceanside the ability to begin construction in May 2026 with approval from the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. This project is entirely grant funded and relies on construction finishing prior to September 30th, 2026, to ensure compliance with Environmental regulations. The City understands that the trail will remain closed to the public to prevent and discourage individuals from entering onto NCTD's right of way until the Commission has approved the crossing through a Commission Decision. The anticipated schedule has been provided below to show the Project timeline constraints.

Task	Deadline
Bid Project	November/December 2025
Project Presented to Utilities Committee and Commission	November 2025
Project presented at City Council	January 2026
Finalize Access Agreement/ Pre-construction Requirements	April 2026
Construction	June-September 2026
Closing Construction	Final Day must be prior to September 30 th , 2026

Dated: 19, August, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "BCash". The letters are cursive and fluid, with the "B" and "C" being particularly prominent.

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List of Exhibits

Exhibit A	Crossing Legal Descriptions A1 - Crossing Legal Description A2 - Legal Description Closures
Exhibit B	Project Drawings B1 – Crossing Detail B2 – Vicinity Map B3 – Trail Plan and Profile B4 – Survey Exhibit
Exhibit C	Local Project Support C1 - Preserve Calavera C2 - Buena Vista Audubon Society C3 - Friends of Loma Alta Creek C4 - San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board C5 - Mayor of the City of Oceanside
Exhibit D1	Notice of Availability - Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration
Exhibit D2	Conformity with CPUC’s Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan
Exhibit E	Scoping Memo
Exhibit F	Certificate of Service
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