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Coastal Rail Infrastructure Improvements Continue

Weekend Work on Tracks and Bridges Necessitate Coastal Rail Service Closures October 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18.

Oceanside, CA – The North County Transit District along with Amtrak and Metrolink will undergo a complete coastal rail service closure between Oceanside and San Diego during the weekends of October 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18. No passenger rail service will be available during those weekend periods.

Customers are urged to plan ahead to take other forms of transportation during this service interruption. There is no replacement bus service connecting to COASTER station stops. Alternatives for passengers who normally use the COASTER include BREEZE bus route 101 or MTS connections. NCTD bus schedules may be viewed at www.gonctd.com.

The rail will re-open for regularly scheduled COASTER and all other rail service in time for the morning commute on Mondays.

During these service closures, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) will continue construction on the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Bridges Replacement and Control Point Rose Track Crossovers projects in the University City area. Work activities at the lagoon will include transporting materials to the work site, and building temporary structures for staging/moving machinery, and installing pre-drilled columns as the support structures for the new bridge. Work activities for the crossover project include removing and replacing track, installing culverts, drainage crossings, and a rail crossover, and realigning the track. NCTD crews also will perform maintenance activities throughout the rail corridor.

The dates for the rail corridor closures were chosen in cooperation with Metrolink, Amtrak and SANDAG to minimize operational and community impacts as much as possible. Work on subsequent weekends reduces the costs of transporting heavy equipment to and from the work site and allows construction crews to work unimpeded. For more information about these projects, please visit www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com. These improvements to the rail infrastructure are part of a longer term program that will double-track the rail lines and complete on-going maintenance for enhanced service for transit users

For further information on this NCTD COASTER service interruption, please contact the NCTD Customer Service at 760-966-6500.

About North County Transit District - The North County Transit District is a public transportation agency providing 12 million passenger trips annually throughout North San Diego County and into downtown San Diego. NCTD's system includes BREEZE buses (with FLEX service), COASTER commuter trains, SPRINTER light rail trains, and LIFT paratransit service. NCTD's mission is to deliver safe, convenient, reliable and user-friendly public transportation services.