
Emergency Safety Notice: Long-Term Bridge Closure

Edinger Avenue Bridge over Bolsa Chica Channel

Due to structural damage to a portion of the Edinger Avenue bridge over Bolsa Chica, the County of Orange must immediately enact a long-term closure of the bridge to ensure public safety and begin repairs.

- Why a long-term closure?** The recommended closure results from a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) bridge inspection of the bridge's supporting structures under the roadway. The County of Orange, which owns bridge, verified the need to close the bridge through an independent expert engineering analysis.
- When will repairs be completed?** Completion of repairs and re-opening of the bridge is undetermined at this time. With public safety as our top priority, barricades have been placed at both ends of the bridge until critical repairs can be completed.
- We understand this emergency repair work may create an inconvenience for the public. The County is currently assessing alternate access options until repairs are completed. The County is also analyzing the repairs needed in order to reopen the bridge to the public.
- In addition to the interim repair work for the bridge, the County is investigating all options to expedite the completion of a permanent bridge replacement. The design plans for a permanent bridge replacement are in its final stages.
- Am I able to get to the marina side of the bridge?** The County will only escort people to/from the marina side of the bridge if there is an emergency.
- What agencies are involved?** The County is coordinating with affected agencies such as the Cities of Huntington Beach and Seal Beach and the U.S. Navy, which owns the property located immediately north of the area. The County will also continue to coordinate with all local entities as needed.
- How can I get more information or updates?** The County continues to analyze next steps and coordination efforts. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Widor, Strategic Communications Officer at Orange County Public Works at (714) 438-9707. For life-threatening emergencies, please call 911.
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