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Construction of a pedestrian undercrossing at Santa Fe Dr. is expected to begin late in 2008 and should take about 15 months. Other pedestrian crossings are planned at Montgomery, El Portal and Hillcrest and each is expected to cost \$5 million.

Santa Fe Drive received a \$3.1 million makeover last year, including the roundabout.

Trespassing on the railroad right of way can bring a \$1,000 fine but sheriff's deputies issue verbal warnings far more often than written citations.

A consultant for the city is scheduled to submit a design for the crossing at Santa Fe later this month. SANDAG plans to send Encinitas' application for construction money to the state Dept. of Transportation next week. CALTRANS will decide whether to recommend to the state that they award money for this project.

Encinitas still needs approval from the Public Utilities Commission. Also, NCTD (which owns and operates the railroad) must approve easement and maintenance agreements.

Up to 54 trains travel the coastal railway daily and the rail operators plan to increase their use of the line.