

## 3/12/15 Update:

### Temporary Closure of 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 was required to enact a closure of the bridge to ensure public safety and initiate repairs.

#### What is the status of repairing the bridge and re-establishing public access to the marina?

The County has been working daily on efforts to expedite bridge repairs and coordinate with other agencies to re-establish public access. We understand access to the marina is very important to Sunset Aquatic Marina visitors and boat owners and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Working with engineers and contractors during the past several days, the design has been completed for a temporary repair in order to open the bridge with two lanes to accommodate most trucks/trailers with boats.

**The County is finalizing details in an effort to begin construction the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>.** Please note that while the County is trying to initiate and complete this work as quickly and safely as possible, the schedule could change depending on adverse weather or other factors.

#### 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 or if there is risk to life or property. While the County is preparing to initiate repair work, it is also working with other agencies to identify if other access alternatives are feasible as soon as possible.

#### Can the dirt access road north of the Bolsa Chica Channel be used to access the marina?

The access road north of the Bolsa Chica Channel is on property owned by the U.S. Navy. It is not a public road. The U.S. Navy has restricted use of the access road to emergency or service vehicle use only.

#### How can I get more information or updates?

If you have questions, please contact Shannon Widor, Strategic Communications Officer at Orange County Public Works at (714) 438-9707. We urge you to leave your name and phone number or e-mail address to receive updates when available.

Updates when they become available will also be posted at [www.facebook.com/ocpublicworks](http://www.facebook.com/ocpublicworks). For life-threatening emergencies, please call 911.

#### Background information about the bridge closure:

##### Why a closure?

The recommended closure results from a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) bridge inspection of the 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 that concurred with the findings by Caltrans.

##### What agencies are involved?

The County is coordinating with the Cities of Huntington Beach and Seal Beach, the Army Corps of Engineers, the California Coastal Commission and the U.S. Navy (which owns the property north of the Bolsa Chica Channel).