

# The city council undertakes the transfer of surplus sand from La Puntilla area to La Cícer

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The City Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria will begin the transfer of surplus sand from the area of La Puntilla to the new beach area of Las Canteras that has been won through the construction of the Cícer footbridge on Monday, December 11.

The Department of Town Planning and City of Sea will coordinate the transfer of 2,500 cubic meters of sand, which will take place next week, between Monday 11, and Friday, December 15, at night, from 22: 00 hours until 06:00 in the morning. For the works it will be necessary to use five trucks of 15 cubic meters of capacity, three machines, two located in La Puntilla and one in La Cícer, and four workers. On Sunday, 10, at night, the preparation of the accesses will be carried out, and the transfer of the arena will take place between Monday and Friday.

The extraction of the sand will be undertaken between Padre Cueto and Plazoleta de Saulo Torón streets. To this end, temporary access to the beach for trucks will be conditioned from Gomera street. In any case, the depth of the excavation will not exceed 40 centimeters and it will be carried out with a loading shovel. The resulting slope will be identical to the natural slope of the beach.

The route of the trucks with the sand will take place through the streets Gomera, Eduardo Benot, Avenida Marítima, Julio Luengo Tunnel, Mario César, Fernando Guanarteme and Pizarro.

The Town Planning Councilor, Javier Doreste, has pointed out that "the transfer of sand is one of the last steps we take before fully inaugurating the new footbridge of La Cícer, the public square and the 2,500 square meters of beach that we won thanks to a action that significantly improves the physiognomy of a part of the coast of the city so important".

The councilman of Ciudad de Mar, José Eduardo Ramírez, has assured that "we will proceed to move the sand that

remains in La Puntilla to take it to a space that will become a new icon of the city. All the works will be done with the objective of not altering the ecosystem. The technicians have made the necessary measurements and simulations in order to carry out this action ".

The City Council has decided to move sand from the area of La Puntilla and Playa Grande, spaces where there is a surplus of this sediment. The Demarcation of Coasts of the Canary Islands communicated in its moment to the Consistory the authorization to be able to carry out this transfer of sand, of a side to another one of the beach, once finished the construction works of the new coastal equipment. In fact, a Costas inspector will be responsible for monitoring the work.

The area of Ciudad de Mar moved to Las Canteras Ecotourism Micro-Area last June, the arid relocation project, a decision based on the conclusions of the Study on the Sedimentary Balance of Las Canteras beach, led by the researcher of the Applied Geology Group of the University of Las Palmas of Gran Canaria, Ignacio Alonso Bilbao. The study, carried out in 2015, recommends that the sand remain in the same ecosystem as the beach and that it moves from areas where there is surplus, to those with a deficit.

The City Council recalled that this action, necessary at this time, should not end here, and has already requested Costas to carry out a comprehensive study of the entire dock and La Barra. "It is fundamental that we can handle a rigorous and precise study that shows us a photograph of what happens on the beach bottoms from the reef to the shore," said Ramírez.

Ciudad de Mar will distribute these days, before the start of the works, diptychs with all the information of the action among the neighbors of the affected streets. "We want to apologize and understand to the neighbors who may feel affected by these jobs. We have to do it at night for security, at times with very little traffic and to avoid further inconvenience. In any case, we will try to speed up the collection and transfer of the sand, "explained Ramírez.