

The city council initiates the transfer of sand in the Beach of Las Canteras

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The operation of transferring the 2,500 meters of sand on the beach of Las Canteras, from the area of Playa Grande to the new beach area created under the La Cícer footbridge, began last night with the preparation of access for trucks and the collection of part of the aggregates at the height of Gomera street. The transfer of the arena will take place, at night, between 10 pm and 6 am, from Monday, 11, until next Friday, 15.

Each of the trucks participating in the operation will transport, on each trip, 15 cubic meters of sand. The itinerary of the vehicles will be done by road, bordering the entire beach, from the north arch to the south arch. The tour will start at Gomera Street and continue through Eduardo Benot, Avenida Marítima, Julio Luengo Tunnel, Mario César and Fernando Guanarteme, to end at Pizarro Street, in La Cícer, where access to the beach is enabled. these vehicles.

The Councils of Urbanism and City of Sea coordinate the operation with five trucks and three machines to extract, accumulate and deposit the sand. The councilors of these two areas, Javier Doreste and José Eduardo Ramírez, respectively, visited this morning the area where sediments have begun to accumulate for later transfer

The extraction of the aggregates is undertaken between Padre Cueto street and Saulo Torón square. The depth of the excavation, with a loading shovel, does not exceed 40 cm in any case and it is respected that the resulting slope is identical to the natural one of the beach.

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 ".

On the other hand, the councilor of Ciudad de Mar, José Eduardo Ramírez, recalled that the works have the authorization of the demarcation of Costas and that is supported by the study commissioned by the City Council to the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. "This is a decision based on the conclusions of the Study on the Sedimentary Balance of the beach of Las Canteras, led by the researcher of the Group of Applied Geology, which indicated and recommends that the sand that accumulates in a part of the beach , stay in the same ecosystem and move from areas where there is a surplus, to those with deficits, in this case, La Cícer or the Churruca Street area ".

In this regard, the mayor said that 2018 Ciudad de Mar will proceed to make a new transfer of sand. "All the works are carried out with the objective of not altering the ecosystem, but improving it and we have the support of the members of the Ecotourism Micro Area of Las Canteras".

The councilor of Urbanism explained that the transfer is made at this time, once the construction works of the new coastal equipment in the area of La Cícer, under the new footbridge is being finalized. The technicians have made the necessary measurements and simulations in order to carry out this action. "We are sorry for the inconvenience that the transfer may cause. We understand that there are people who are affected. They are only five nights and the operators will work efficiently so that no unnecessary noise is produced, "said Doreste.

The City Council has recalled that this action will not end here. "Costas has already been requested to carry out a comprehensive study of the entire dock and La Barra. It is essential 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.