

Improving Travel on the Orange Freeway (SR-57)

Project Description

The Orange Freeway (SR-57) is an important truck route and integral part of Southern California's freeway network. Currently drivers experience substantial traffic congestion during peak afternoon hours. In an effort to improve traffic flow, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12, is adding a lane to the northbound SR-57 from the Katella Avenue off-ramp to the Lincoln Avenue on-ramp in Anaheim. Construction on this segment will begin late 2011/early 2012.

Project Improvements

Improvements to this three-mile stretch include the addition of one generalpurpose lane. Also included will be additional widening to bring the general purpose lane width, the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane width and the inside freeway shoulder width into conformance with Caltrans design standards.

Key Objectives

- Reduce traffic congestion and delays
- Increase traffic flow and safety for the 144,000 to 158,000 vehicles projected to travel this section of the freeway daily
- Facilitate the flow of goods and services via the SR-57
- Achieve a major component of the Measure M2 Freeway Improvement Plan
- Conform to state, regional and local plans and policies

Other SR-57 Improvements

A second segment on the SR-57 from north of the SR-91 near Orangethorpe Avenue in Placentia to Lambert Road in Brea is also undergoing widening improvements. Construction on this second segment began in January 2011.

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For more information, visit the project website at www.octa.net/sr57 or contact Jaclyn Cordova of OCTA at (714) 560-5787 or by e-mail at SR57NorthboundWidening@octa.net or contact the Construction Helpline at (800) 274-0353.



SR-57 Northbound Improvement Project

Katella Avenue to Lincoln Avenue Fast Facts







Anticipated Timeline

Project Approval	November 2009
Design Completion	Spring 2011
Construction Begins	Late 2011/Early 2012
Freeway Improvements Open to the Public Late 2014	

Funding Source

The estimated total cost of the project is \$50 million. Project funding sources are the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Program funds and Orange County Measure M (M2) – the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements approved by Orange County voters in 2006.

