I-5 IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT
AVENIDA PICO TO SAN JUAN CREEK ROAD

LENGTH
Approximately 5.7 miles

AFFECTED CITIES
San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project, a partnership between Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), extended the carpool lane in each direction of I-5 from San Juan Capistrano to San Clemente. The project also reconstructed the Avenida Pico interchange, adding dual left-turn lanes to both on-ramps and widening the northbound on-ramp to three lanes. The project was broken down into 3 segments: Pico to Vista Hermosa, Vista Hermosa to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), and PCH to San Juan Creek Road.

This project was funded by OC Go (also known as Measure M), a 30-year half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in Orange County through 2041. After experiencing the success and progress of M1, nearly 70% of Orange County voters renewed the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements to launch OC Go in 2011. In addition to OC Go funding, this project received funding from state and federal sources.

PROJECT BENEFITS
• Added a carpool lane in both directions on I-5 between Avenida Pico and San Juan Creek Road
• Improved the sight distance on the southbound horizontal curve north of PCH
• Reconstructed the Avenida Pico interchange, including widening the northbound Avenida Pico on-ramp to three lanes
• Provided dual left-turn lanes to northbound and southbound Avenida Pico on-ramps
• Added a dedicated bicycle lane at Avenida Pico interchange to enhance countywide bicycle facilities
• Added soundwalls where needed

PROJECT MILESTONES

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LEGEND:
- Pico to Vista Hermosa
- Vista Hermosa to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH)
- PCH to San Juan Creek Road

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