



# I-5 Gateway Project

## Fast Facts



## Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) Far North Widening Project



Measure M1 widened I-5 through Buena Park

The I-5 Gateway Project was the final link in the Measure M1 (M1) freeway improvement plan. The project removed a classic bottleneck where five lanes transitioned down to three by improving a two-mile segment of the Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) from the Artesia Freeway (SR-91) to the Orange/Los Angeles County line through the community of Buena Park.

The project reduced congestion and improved traffic flow on an important transportation route that serves as the gateway to Orange County.

### The I-5 Gateway Project was the last major freeway improvement under M1.

The project added new travel and carpool lanes in each direction, extended merging lanes, rebuilt overpasses at Beach Boulevard, Stanton Avenue and Western Avenue, rebuilt the Artesia Boulevard underpass, realigned the railroad from Stanton Avenue to Artesia Boulevard and added aesthetically pleasing retaining walls.

As the backbone of California's transportation network, Interstate 5 also plays an important role in moving people and goods through Orange County. Since 1993, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), systematically widened and improved major portions of I-5 from Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) to the Riverside

Freeway (SR-91). Those projects were largely funded by Measure M, the package of transportation improvements promised to voters in 1990 when they approved a special half-cent sales tax.

### Project Area

The project area included the section of I-5 within the city of Buena Park from SR-91 north to the Orange/Los Angeles County line.

### Project Funding

Measure M provided the major funding. State Transportation Improvement Programs provided the remaining funds.

### Project Status

Groundbreaking took place on May 12, 2006. Construction began in mid-2006 and the completion of the I-5 Gateway Project was commemorated September 28, 2010.

For more information on the I-5 Gateway Project or to be added to the mailing list, please visit [www.octa.net/i5gateway](http://www.octa.net/i5gateway) or call the Orange County Transportation Helpline at (800) 724-0353.

### Highlights

- Added one carpool lane in each direction
- Added one travel lane in each direction
- Added auxiliary lanes in each direction from the SR-91 to Beach Boulevard
- Reconstructed bridges at Stanton Avenue, Beach Boulevard, Western Avenue and Artesia Boulevard
- Realigned the railroad from Stanton Avenue to Artesia Boulevard
- Built aesthetically treated retaining walls
- Replaced landscaping

### Funding Source

Measure M1 (Local Transportation Sales Tax)	\$188 million
State and Federal	\$147 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$335 million</b>