



I-5 Gateway Project

Fast Facts



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



Measure M is widening I-5 through Buena Park

One last segment of the Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) in Orange County still needs improvement. This 2-mile section, from the Artesia Freeway (SR-91) to the Orange/Los Angeles County line, contains a classic bottleneck where five lanes transition down to three. The I-5 Gateway Project is completing an ambitious freeway expansion program. The project will reduce congestion and improve traffic flow on this important transportation route that serves as the gateway to Orange County.

Project Area

The project area includes 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 will provide the major funding. State Transportation Improvement Programs will provide the remaining funds.

Project Status

Groundbreaking took place on May 12. Construction began in mid-2006 with completion scheduled for fall 2010.

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

Widening the last segment of the I-5 is a top priority for OCTA and Caltrans.

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.

Highlights

- Add one carpool lane in each direction
- Add one travel lane in each direction
- Add auxiliary lanes in each direction from the SR-91 to Beach Boulevard
- Reconstruct bridges at Stanton Avenue, Beach Boulevard, Western Avenue and Artesia Boulevard
- Realign the railroad from Stanton Avenue to Artesia Boulevard
- Build aesthetically treated retaining walls
- Replace landscaping

Funding Source

Measure M (Local Transportation Sales Tax)	\$177.9 million
State and Federal	\$147.1 million
Total	\$325 million