

SOUTH COUNTY I-5 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SR-73 TO EL TORO ROAD



LENGTH
6.5 miles

ADJACENT CITIES
Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills,
Laguna Niguel & San Juan Capistrano

AT A GLANCE

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$583 million
FUNDING SOURCE:	OC Go, Federal and State
DEVELOPMENT PHASE:	Pre-Construction and Construction
SEGMENTS:	SR-73 to Oso Pkwy Oso Pkwy to Alicia Pkwy Alicia Pkwy to El Toro Rd
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Under the direction of OCTA and Caltrans District 12, the San Diego Freeway (I-5) Widening Project from San Joaquin Hills Toll Road (SR-73 to El Toro Road) is intended to increase capacity, improve operations and enhance safety in southern Orange County.

Major roadway and capacity improvements include: 1) a new northbound and southbound general-purpose (regular) lane; 2) extension of the second carpool lane in both directions from Alicia Parkway to El Toro Road; 3) conversion of the entire existing carpool lanes to continuous access; 4) reconstruction and improvement of the Avery Parkway and La Paz Road Interchanges; and 5) realignment and/or modification of on- and off-ramps.

In addition, the project will include various other operational and structural improvements, such as the addition of new auxiliary (merge) lanes at select locations, widened ramps and bridges, and construction of new soundwalls and retaining walls.

PROJECT STATUS

OCTA and Caltrans District 12 completed the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED) process, also known as the environmental review process, in 2014. As part of this legal process, a preferred build alternative and a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact (MND/FONSI) were approved as the Final Environmental Document (FED).

The project is being constructed in three distinct segments. On average, each project segment spans 2 miles. The project's overall estimated construction schedule spans from mid-2019 to early 2025. However, each segment has its own construction schedule. (For current estimated schedules, see below.)

Throughout the development process, OCTA and Caltrans District 12 have and will continue to work together with motorists, stakeholders and cities, including the cities of Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano, as well as the County of Orange.



ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

SEGMENT	ESTIMATED TIMEFRAME
SR-73 to Oso Pkwy	Early 2020 to Early 2025
Oso Pkwy to Alicia Pkwy	Mid-2019 to Late 2023
Alicia Pkwy to El Toro Rd	Late 2020 to Mid 2024