

LOSSAN Grade Separations

17TH STREET GRADE SEPARATION



CITY
Santa Ana

AT A GLANCE

PROJECT COST: Approximately \$55 million

FUNDING: Federal, State and Local

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: Environmental: April 2016
Design: TBD
Construction: TBD

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is studying a project that would lower 17th Street and Lincoln Avenue to create a grade separation with the Metrolink tracks. The primary project objective is to improve safety and alleviate traffic congestion along 17th Street. 17th Street serves as a major east/west arterial in the City of Santa Ana with connections to I-5. Increased vehicle and rail traffic at this location has resulted in the increase of delays at the existing highway-rail crossing of 17th Street in Metrolink's double-track corridor. These delays have not only affected the traveling public, but have also impacted access by emergency vehicles. The proposed project would construct a railroad crossing structure to carry Metrolink over 17th Street, lowering the current grade of the roadway by approximately 20.5 feet and raising the railroad tracks by approximately 2 feet.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

17th Street Grade Separation Project in the City of Santa Ana proposes to lower 17th Street and Lincoln Avenue to go under the Metrolink tracks.

Project Purpose:

- Improve vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle user safety
- Reduce the potential for conflicts between trains and vehicles
- Eliminate delays due to passing trains

Proposed Improvements:

- Improve safety by removing the existing at-grade railroad crossing
- Lower 17th Street and Lincoln Avenue to go under the railroad tracks
- Provide a new railroad bridge and retaining walls with aesthetic treatment
- Reconfigure access to properties to join the lowered roadways
- Re-establish sidewalks and landscaping
- Maintain existing traffic patterns
- Maintain existing quiet zone through project area

The project team is working closely with project partners, City of Santa Ana, and Metrolink to deliver the proposed improvements.

FUNDING

Funding has been identified through the environmental phase with Measure M (M2) and the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) dollars. We will qualify to receive additional federal, state and local funding sources once the environmental process is completed.

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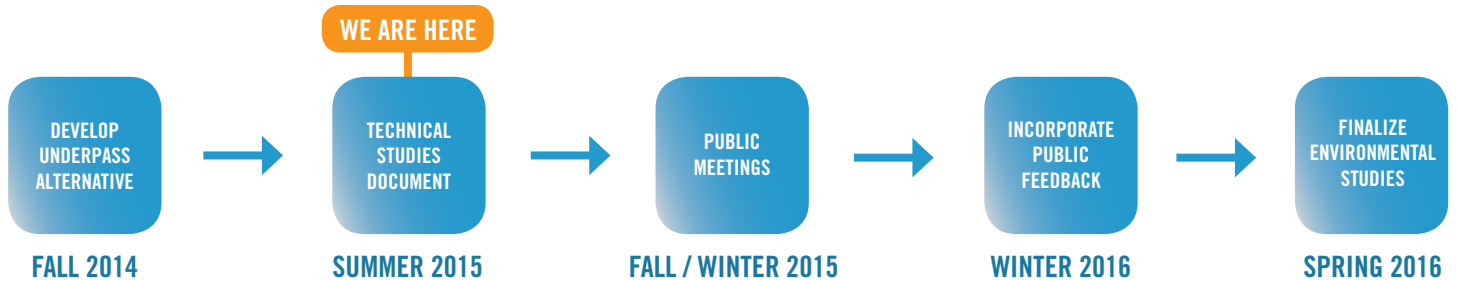
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ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEDULE



THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a Project Report Equivalent and Environmental Technical Studies are currently being prepared to inform transportation official's, stakeholder's and the public about the environmental effects of the project.

The Environmental Technical Studies will assess a wide range of topics including, but not limited to: traffic, air quality, noise, biology, community impacts, visual impacts, relocation impacts, cultural resources, water quality, floodplain impacts, and paleontological resources.

NEXT STEPS

Complete environmental phase and explore funding opportunities for future phases.

GET INVOLVED

For more information on opportunities to get involved:

 Please visit our website at octa.net/lossan17th

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To provide feedback on the project:

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