

I-5 ORTEGA HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE



BEFORE



AFTER

AFFECTED CITIES
San Juan Capistrano

AT A GLANCE

PROJECT COST: \$80.30 million

FUNDING: OC Go, State and Local funds

CONTACT: Measure M Program Management Office

OPEN TO PUBLIC: September 2015

Fact Sheet as of 7/9/19

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Ortega Highway Interchange Improvement Project was initiated by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano to improve traffic congestion at the San Diego Freeway (I-5) and Ortega Highway (SR-74) interchange. To facilitate better traffic flow and ease these areas of congestion, the project widened and reconstructed existing on- and off-ramps on the I-5 and Ortega Highway interchange, reconstructed the Ortega Highway bridge over the freeway, as well as realigned Ortega Highway west of I-5.

This project is part of the OC Go program. OC Go (also known as Measure M), is 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 also received state and local funds.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Provided congestion relief to improve local traffic flow as well as eased regional commutes
- Relieved the traffic congestion choke point at the I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange
- Improved traffic safety and operations at the I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange



PROJECT MILESTONES

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

March June

January December

September January

■ Environmental ■ Design ■ Construction



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