

SOUTH COUNTY I-5 IMPROVEMENTS 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:	\$580 million
FUNDING SOURCE:	OC Go, Federal and State
DEVELOPMENT PHASE:	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:

- Add a general purpose lane in each direction of the I-5 between Avery to Alicia Pkwy.
- Extend the second carpool lane from Alicia Pkwy. to El Toro Rd. in both directions as well as convert carpool lanes to continuous access
- Reconstruct the Avery Pkwy. and La Paz Rd. interchanges
- Widen the Los Alisos bridge

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, retaining walls and landscaping. Landscaping is the last phase of the improvement process; the design of landscaping will take place once construction is completed.

PROJECT STATUS

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

Several key milestones have been reached in 2020:

Segment 1 –Stage 1 demolition of eastbound Avery bridge completed.

Segment 2 –Stage 1 demolition of eastbound La Paz bridge completed.

Segment 3 –Construction contract awarded and construction to begin in early-2021.

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.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

SEGMENT

- SR-73 to Oso Pkwy.
- Oso Pkwy. to Alicia Pkwy.
- Alicia Pkwy. to El Toro Rd.

ESTIMATED TIMEFRAME

- January 2020 to Mid-2025
- April 2019 to Late-2023
- Early-2021 to Late-2024



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