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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the I-605/Katella Interchange Project?

OCTA, in cooperation with Caltrans, is improving the local interchange at Interstate 605 (I-605) and Katella Avenue. The Project will enhance safety and traffic flow by modifying existing on- and off-ramps, making improvements on Katella Avenue, and improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The I-605/Katella Avenue interchange connects the San Gabriel River Freeway, a major north-south transportation route in Orange and Los Angeles counties, with Katella Avenue, an east-west regional corridor that crosses the two counties. Thousands of motorists drive through the interchange daily to reach employment centers, recreational attractions, shopping malls, medical centers, universities and airports.

How much does the Project cost and how is it funded?

The total Project construction cost is \$32 million. The Project is funded by OC Go (also known as Measure M, Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements) and federal funds.

When will construction begin?

Construction is anticipated to begin in early Summer 2025 and is expected to be completed in late Fall 2026.

Will the Project enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians?

Yes, the Project will improve Katella Avenue and enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians by:

- Closing the gaps in existing bike lanes by adding Class II bike lanes along eastbound and westbound Katella Avenue
- Reconstructing sidewalks to improve connectivity between the Coyote Creek Channel and Epsom Way
- Constructing curb ramps that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and installing new signage and crosswalk pavement markings for better visibility

What can I expect during construction?

Construction will generally occur on weekdays and may require weekend and night work for some activities. Commuters may experience traffic delays and should allow extra time to reach their destination. As with any construction project, the public may experience noise, vibration and lighting for night-time construction operations.

There will be temporary and intermittent closures at various on- and off-ramps, as well as lane closures on Katella Avenue for contractors to perform certain activities, including ramp reconstruction and overhead sign installation. The public will be notified prior to the closures.

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Will access be maintained for bicyclists and pedestrians during construction?

Yes, access will be maintained while sidewalks are being reconstructed. The public will be notified of closures in advance and detour signs will be installed prior to construction.

Will nighttime construction noise be monitored?

Yes, noise levels will be monitored, and Caltrans and city restrictions will be enforced. Residents may hear back-up alarms and noise from construction activities. The alarms are required by state regulation for employee safety on all construction equipment in use. The sound level must be audible for 200 feet and distinguishable from the surrounding noise.

Will closures be coordinated with those on adjacent freeway projects?

Yes, OCTA and Caltrans will coordinate with neighboring freeway projects to the extent possible.

How can I receive information about closures and detours?

Information on closures, detours and major construction activities will be available on an interactive map, in weekly construction alerts and on the Project webpage.

How can I stay informed about the Project, including information about closures and detours?

- Visit the website: www.octa.net/605Katella
- Sign up for Project alerts: www.octa.net/605KatellaStayConnected
- Visit the interactive map: www.octa.net/605KatellaConstruction
- Follow us on: Facebook and Instagram @605Katella
- Email: 605KatellaInfo@octa.net or call 888-200-3302
- Text 605Katella to 888-720-7016 (Message and data rates may apply)

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