

LAGUNA NIGUEL TO SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO PASSING SIDING PROJECT



CORRIDOR CITIES
Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano

AT A GLANCE

PROJECT COST:	\$36.4M
FUNDING:	Federal, State and Local
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in coordination with Metrolink and the cities of Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano, added 1.8 miles of passing siding railroad track between the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station and Trabuco Creek in San Juan Capistrano. The passing siding track runs adjacent to the main track, connecting to it at each end, which will allow trains traveling in opposite directions to pass each other without stopping. The project reduces delays, increase safety and provide more reliable rail service.

Improvements were made to the private crossing from Camino Capistrano to Saddleback Rancho Capistrano to accommodate the new track. In addition, the existing side branch track, or spur track, near the Metrolink Station was relocated further south, and a small area adjacent to Camino Capistrano has been paved for maintenance personnel parking.



PROJECT STATUS

The project was environmentally cleared in 2014, and design was completed in mid-2018. Construction began in early 2019 and was completed in late 2020.

Environmental Phase
August 2011 - March 2014

Final Design & Engineering
March 2015 - August 2018

Construction
February 2019 - November 2020



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