

COASTAL RAIL EMERGENCY PROJECTS

The Orange County Transportation Authority, in coordination with Metrolink, is taking emergency action to stabilize the rail line in north San Clemente. The work is necessary to address urgent threats from slope and beach erosion and to protect the community, rail passengers and overall rail operations.



Passenger Rail Service Update

Passenger Rail Service to Resume

All passenger Metrolink and Amtrak Pacific Surfliner service is scheduled to resume the morning of Saturday, June 7. For the latest updates on rail service and schedules, visit www.pacificsurfliner.com/alerts and metrolinktrains.com/service-updates.

We appreciate the public's patience while crews complete this initial emergency work and get all passenger rail service running safely through this area.

Safety Reminder

As train service resumes, pedestrians and others traveling near the rail line are reminded to exercise caution. Always cross only at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings and never walk along or on the tracks. Staying alert and following posted signs helps ensure everyone's safety.

Construction Updates

Crews Complete Riprap Placement in Project Areas 1 and 2

This week, crews are focused on final preparations to restore rail service. Activities include removing construction equipment, testing rail signals, completing maintenance at the last of three pedestrian crossings, and resurfacing more than 3,600 feet of track to ensure safe and reliable operations.

Crews have also completed the strategic placement of large boulders, known as riprap, in Project Areas 1 and 2 to protect the railroad track from ongoing coastal erosion.

In total, approximately 5,900 tons of riprap were installed—more than 1,700 tons less than the original construction estimate of 7,650 tons. This reduction was achieved through efficient use and reorganization of existing riprap, allowing the project team to reinforce the track using less new material while still meeting safety and stabilization goals.

Before and After Photos of Work Areas



Before Photo: Riprap conditions near El Portal beach access



After Photo: Final riprap conditions near El Portal beach access



Before Photo: Riprap conditions near Dije Court beach access



After Photo: Riprap conditions near Dije Court beach access

Preparations Underway for Catchment Wall Construction

More than 400 feet of temporary concrete barriers have been installed along the inland side of the track near Mariposa Point, creating a safe work zone for crews to build an approximately 1,400-foot-long catchment wall in the coming months. This area, referred to as Project Area 3, also includes plans to restore the beachside pedestrian trail.

While the construction schedule for the wall is still being finalized, most of the work is expected to take place behind the barriers, helping to minimize further disruption to passenger rail service.



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