



SAN JUAN CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



About the Project

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in coordination with Metrolink, is replacing the railroad bridge over San Juan Creek in the City of San Juan Capistrano to enhance safety and reduce maintenance needs. Once the new bridge is completed and train service is switched over, the existing bridge will be demolished. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2027.

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San Juan Creek Trail Opens Over Holiday Weekend and Closures Planned in Mid-July

The San Juan Creek Trail will remain open for families and friends to enjoy for the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

On Thursday, July 3, contractors are expected to work primarily in the creek as they continue constructing the new railroad bridge. No construction activities and closures are scheduled on Friday, July 4 and through the holiday weekend. Work will resume on Monday, July 7.

Upcoming Trail Closure

The trail is expected to close Monday, July 14, for up to two weeks to allow crews to mobilize materials needed for the bikeway underpass construction. The trail will be closed on weekdays from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. and reopen at the end of each work day. Trail users are being detoured to Camino Capistrano, Del Obispo Street and the Trabuco Creek Trail. [View closure and detour map.](#)



Construction of New Railroad Bridge Superstructure

Approximately one year into construction, the Project reached its first major milestone as contractors begin to install steel girders – approximately 100 feet in length – for the new railroad bridge. These girders, also referred to as steel beams, are a major component of the new bridge's superstructure and can be seen from San Juan Creek Trail near Descanso Park.

This operation follows many months of substructure and foundation work, including pile driving, concrete pours, and the construction of piers and abutments. The steel superstructure marks a transition into the next phase of construction and advances the project closer to completion.



Crews installing the steel superstructure for the new railroad bridge.

Construction Activities

Nighttime Utility Work

Crews are expected to continue nighttime utility work on weekdays from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. through mid-July. The adjacent communities may experience noise and lighting from the operation. Train horns may also sound because the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) guidelines require that all trains sound their horns when workers are present on or around railroad track. This federal mandate applies to construction zones.

This work may be loud. This schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or

unforeseen operational issues.

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