

TRACK STABILIZATION PROJECT

FAQs

What is the Track Stabilization Project?

It is an emergency project to stabilize the railroad tracks in south San Clemente. The Orange County Transportation Authority, in coordination with Metrolink, has completed installation of ground anchors into a slope adjacent to the Cyprus Shore community. Passenger train service through the area was suspended in October 2022, and freight train service was reduced.

When will passenger service be restored?

Metrolink and Amtrak service resumed on April 17. For updates on rail services and schedules, visit pacificsurfliner.com/alerts and [Service Alerts – Metrolink](#).

What construction activities are remaining?

Contractors are expected to be working in the area through early June 2023. Remaining work includes finishing work on the ground anchors, grading the slope and installing permanent fencing between the slope and railroad tracks.

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

The Project cost is \$13.7 million. With the support of the California Transportation Commission, OCTA has secured \$6 million from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). In addition, OCTA has secured \$6 million from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) to help fund the emergency construction.

Why is this work critical?

Railroads are essential to the U.S. economy. This stretch of tracks is a key link in the 351-mile rail corridor that runs between San Diego and San Luis Obispo, serving passenger and freight trains, as well as over \$1 billion in goods movements annually. In addition, this is a national defense connector line. OCTA understands the need to continue protecting the integrity of a critical transportation corridor that serves passengers, goods movement, and national defense.

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With continued erosion, sea-level rise and other environmental factors, what are the long-term plans to protect the railroad tracks?

OCTA continues to pursue long-term options for protecting the rail line in this area and throughout the Orange County coastal region and will seek input from the public and all stakeholders as it continues to study the issue.

How can the public stay informed about the Project?

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