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I-5 Managed Lanes Multimodal Operational Improvements
California Department of Transportation



Project Location

On Interstate 5 (I-5) from Red Hill Avenue, Postmile 28.9, to the Orange/Los Angeles County Line, Postmile 44.4. This corridor links connectivity to major job centers, destinations, and multimodal hubs:

- Disneyland, Angel Stadium, and UCI Medical Center.
- Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center, Fullerton Park
 Ride, and Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center.





Project Scope

Improve under-performing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes by converting 38 lane miles of HOV lanes and constructing 16 lane miles to complete an Express Lane facility. This would create the state's first Caltrans-sponsored Express Lane. Construction utilizes existing shoulders and minimizes impacts to local communities. This Project expects to save 1.1 million hours of person delay annually, with current levels of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduced by 17,094 metric tons annually.

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Applicant/Sponsor	California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
Project Description	Convert the existing HOV lanes to Express Lanes, in each direction, between Redhill Avenue and SR-55; convert the existing dual-HOV lanes to Express Lanes, in each direction, between SR-55 and SR-57; convert the existing HOV lanes to Express lanes, in each direction, from SR-57 to the Orange/Los Angeles County Line; and construct an additional Express Lane, in each direction between SR-57 and SR-91.
Construction Cost	\$400 million
SCCP Funds Requested	\$100 million
Other Funds Planned	\$85 million (IIJA CRP) +\$48 million (STIP IIP) +\$167 million (SHOPP1)
Environmental Status	Completion in late 2024
Construction Schedule	July 2026 – October 2029
Delivery Method	Progressive Design-Build
Project Benefits	 Lower congestion: encourage HOV 3+, increase Average Vehicle Occupancy (AVO). Travel time reliability: 1.1M-person-hours delay saved yearly. Reduce emissions: -17,094 metric tons CO₂e annually. Support economy: create 5,625 high quality jobs. System preservation: 50% cheaper than similar projects. Enhance safety: median lighting, upgraded median barrier, delineators, weaving lanes. Equity/Social justice: Increase access to multimodal mobility² Increase frequency of service on OCTA bus route(s). Increase Metrolink frequency on OC Metrolink line(s). Implement a multimodal incentive program. Enhance bicycle/pedestrian facilities near the corridor. Support dense affordable housing development through the Orange County Housing Finance Trust.
Expenditure Plan	First State-sponsored Express Lane: expenditure plan to align with California Transportation Commission and State goals.
Benefit-Cost Analysis	3.4 ratio: for every dollar the Project spends the public will likely receive \$3.4 in benefits related to safety, travel time, fuel savings, vehicle operating costs, and emissions reductions.

¹SHOPP with repayment through facility-generated revenue.

² Caltrans will continue to work with partner agencies to refine and implement these mobility improvements, as necessary.

