



2026 State Transportation Improvement Program

Orange County Transportation Authority
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What is OCTA?



Transit

- OC Bus and paratransit
- OC Streetcar
- Community-based transit
- Metrolink
- Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) managing agency



Sustainability

- Zero-emission buses
- Air quality initiatives
- Innovative wildlife and habitat mitigation and preservation
- Water-quality grants
- Climate resiliency planning



Highways

- Measure M projects
- High-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes
- General-purpose lanes
- Tolted express lanes
- Motorist services

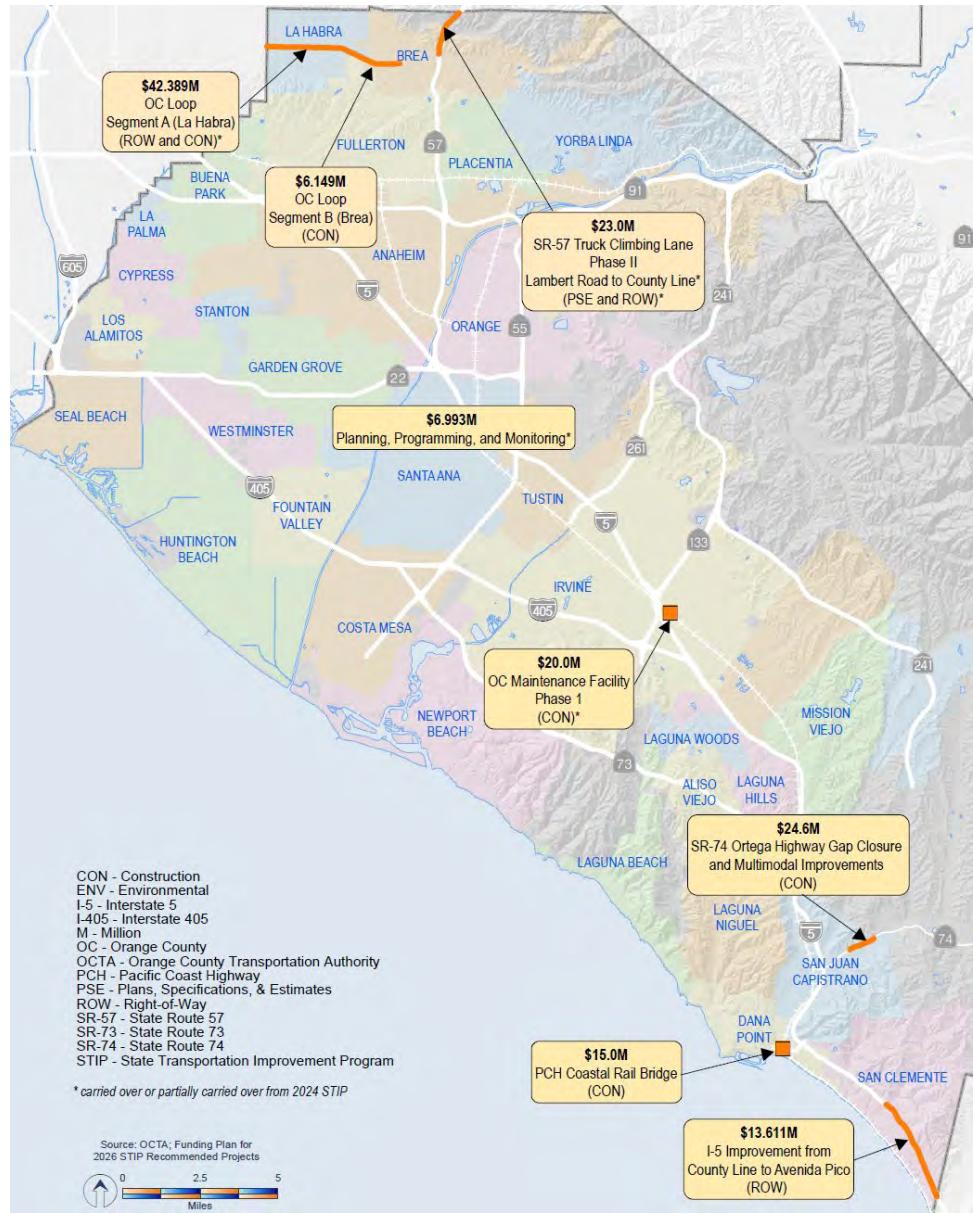


Complete Streets

- Active transportation
- Signal synchronization
- Grade separations
- City formula funding
- Local competitive grants funding



2026 Proposed STIP Projects



| New Proposed STIP Projects | Requested STIP | % of STIP Requested |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Transit | \$15 million | 43% |
| Highway | \$13.6 million | 39% |
| Active Transportation | \$6.2 million | 18% |
| Total | \$34.8 million | 100% |

Pacific Coast Highway Coastal Rail Bridge

Overview

Replaces a nearly 100-year-old rail bridge to:

- Maintain reliable passenger and freight rail operations
- Enhance safety and seismic resilience
- Maintain a state of good repair

Benefits

- etrain Avoid rail service disruptions and closures
- shield Enhance safety
- gear Reduce long-term maintenance risk and costs
- bike Support future multiuse trail connectivity



Dana Point, between San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente Metrolink stations



Construction phase

Transit: Current Coastal Rail Emergency Projects

OCTA is addressing **four areas** in immediate need of **urgent action** to prevent further bluff failures and erosion that could force service suspensions

Areas 1 and 2 riprap repair activities

All construction activities have been completed under an emergency Coastal Development Permit (CDP) issued by the California Coastal Commission (CCC)



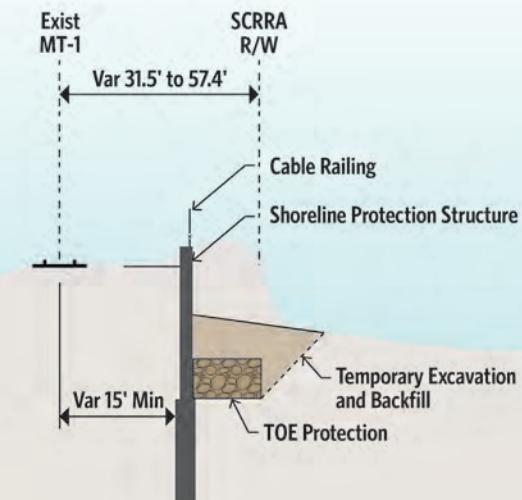
Area 3 catchment wall & trail restoration

Construction is underway on an approximately 1,350-foot-long catchment wall approved by the CCC under a CDP



Area 4 shoreline protection structure

Work is progressing to secure a CDP from the CCC



Sand nourishment

Work is underway to identify sand sources and secure environmental clearance to place up to 540,000 cubic yards of sand





Transit: OCTA Updates



OC Streetcar

- Orange County's first modern, electric streetcar
- Connections to OC Bus and Metrolink rail service
- Testing underway; service expected to launch this year



Wave Card

- New rider validation system launched October 2025
- Features include fare capping, free two-hour transfers, and balance protection



Free Ride Programs

- Free rides available to youth and students enrolled at all Orange County community colleges
- Programs accounted for 17% of systemwide ridership in 2025

Highway: STIP Request

I-5 Improvements (County Line to Avenida Pico)

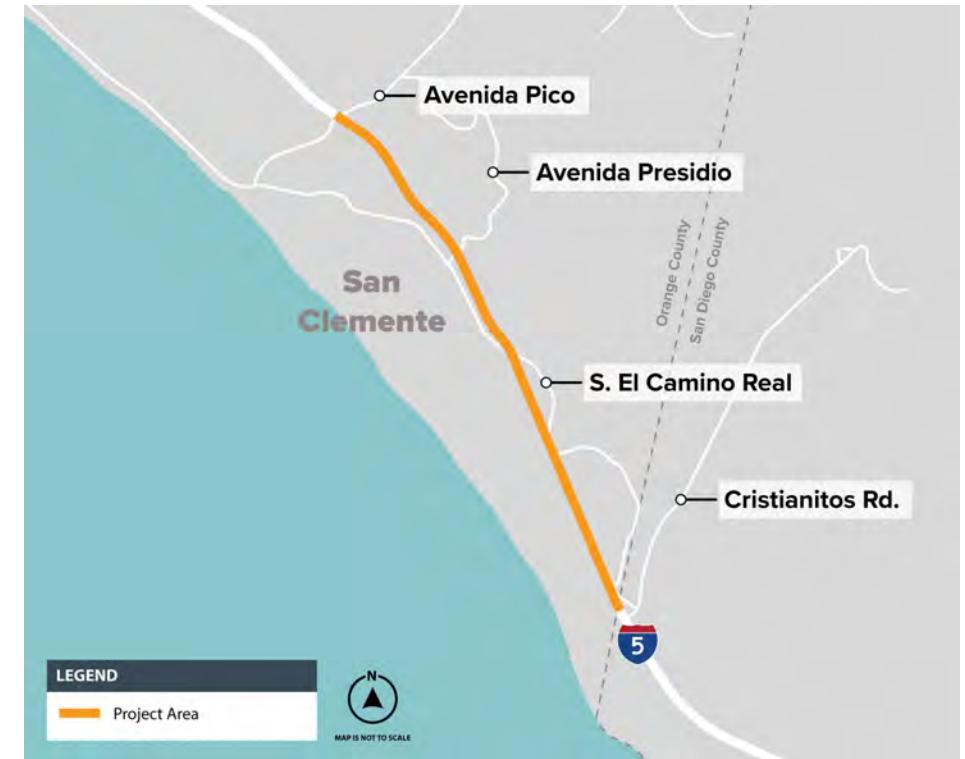
Overview

Extends HOV lanes to connect with existing HOV lanes at Avenida Pico

Improves ramps, bridges and auxiliary lanes, and includes traffic management strategies to enhance freeway operations

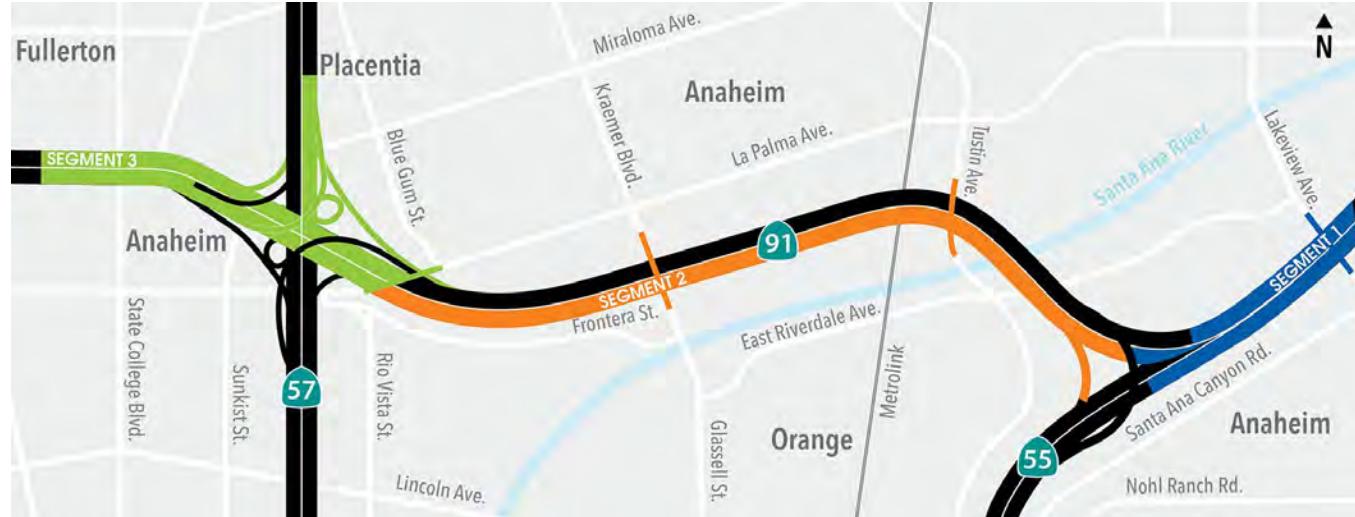
Benefits

- Move people and goods more efficiently
- Close HOV gap between Orange and San Diego counties
- Improve travel time reliability
- Support access to south Orange County destinations



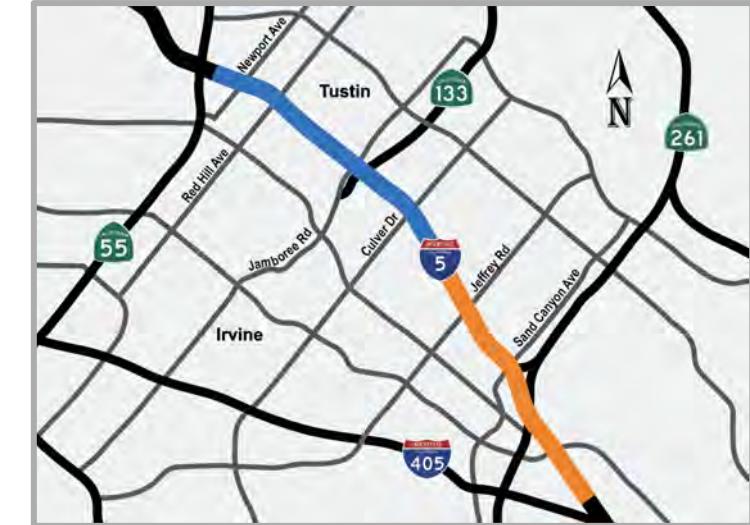
-  San Clemente, between Avenida Pico and San Diego County line
-  Right-of-way phase

Highway: OCTA Updates



SR-91 Improvements (Anaheim)

- Construction underway
- Improves safety and reliability; reduces weaving at major interchanges; enhances connections between SR-91, SR-55 and SR-57



I-5 Improvements (Irvine & Tustin)

- Broke ground January 2026
- Improves safety and reliability; reduces congestion; supports regional mobility and goods movement

OC Loop Segment B

Overview

1.3 miles of new Class I multiuse trail for walking and cycling

Closes a gap on the 66-mile OC Loop that connects to important destinations throughout Orange County

Benefits

 Improves safety for people walking and cycling

 Expands regional active transportation connectivity

 Serves SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities



Brea, along the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way



Construction phase

Active Transportation: OCTA Updates



OC Connect

- 4-mile Class I biking and walking trail in Garden Grove and Santa Ana
- Environmental phase completed June 2025



Move OC

- Updated active transportation plan will include infrastructure, program, policy and funding analysis and recommendations
- Effort starting in 2026



Key Takeaways

- OCTA is committed to creating a balanced, sustainable transportation system that meets the diverse needs of Orange County's growing population
- Through long-term planning and community engagement, we're investing in a multimodal network that improves mobility, enhances accessibility, and strengthens resiliency