



# 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program

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COMMUNITY





# 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
- Tolled express lanes
- Motorist services



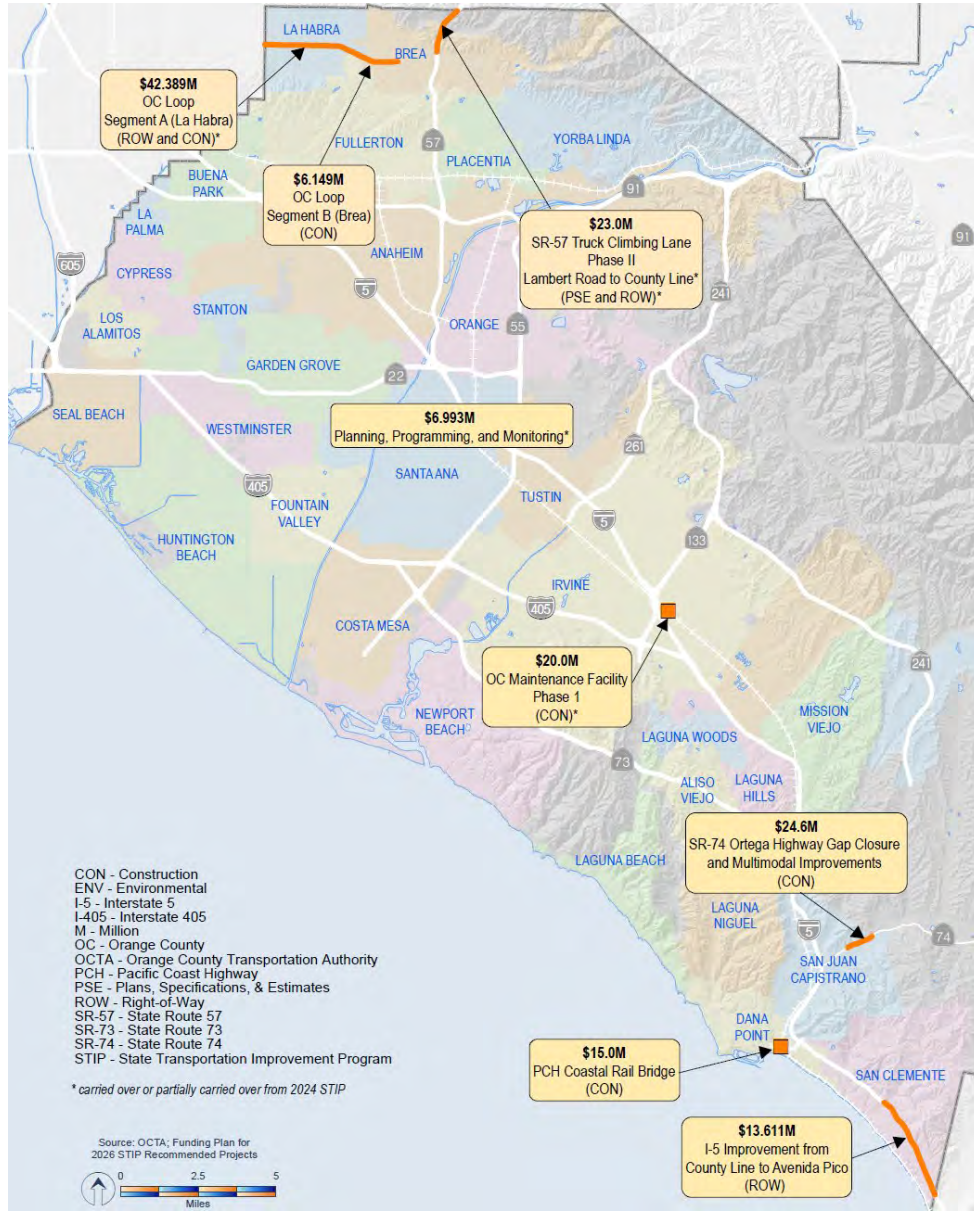
## Complete Streets

- 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%



# Transit: STIP Request

## 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



Avoid rail service disruptions and closures



Enhance safety



Reduce long-term maintenance risk and costs



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)



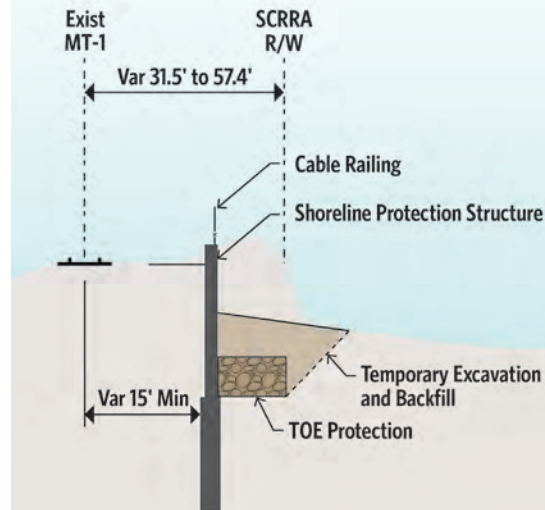
## Area 3 catchment wall & trail restoration

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

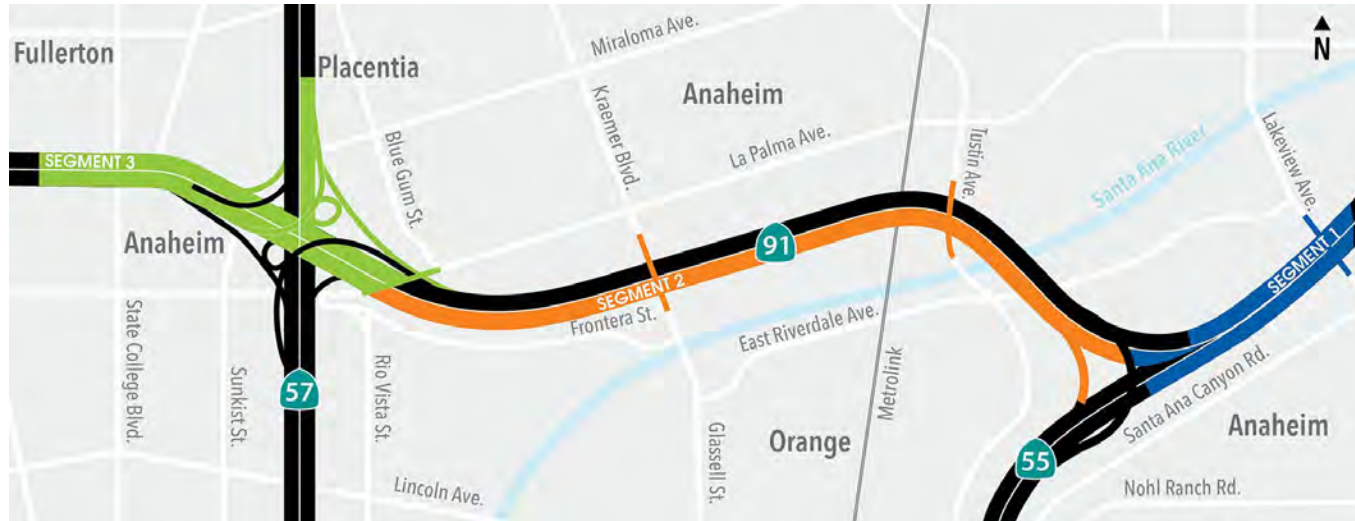


-  San Clemente, between Avenida Pico and San Diego County line
-  Right-of-way phase





# 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





# Active Transportation: STIP Request

## 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