

I-5/El Toro Road Interchange Improvement Project



LENGTH

1.9 miles

Neighboring Cities

Lake Forest, Laguna Woods, Laguna Hills

AT A GLANCE

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:	\$65 - \$95 million
FUNDING SOURCE:	OC Go
DEVELOPMENT PHASE:	Project Approval/ Environmental Document (PA/ED)
CEQA/NEPA LEAD AGENCY:	Caltrans
SPONSORING AGENCY:	OCTA
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Estimated schedule and cost subject to change



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The I-5/El Toro Road Interchange Improvement Project is intended to improve traffic flow, optimize signal operations, reduce traffic congestion at local street intersections, and reduce backup at freeway on- and off-ramps. The project is in the Preliminary Engineering and Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase, which began in April 2017. Currently, the PA/ED phase is expected to be completed in early 2025.

Caltrans is the lead agency for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). OCTA is the sponsoring agency. The project is funded by OC Go (formerly known as Measure M), Orange County's Transportation Investment Plan which was renewed by nearly 70% of Orange County voters in November 2006.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The I-5/El Toro Road Interchange Improvement Project proposes to:

- ▶ Improve traffic flow and traffic signal optimization
- ▶ Reduce traffic congestion at and through adjacent local street intersections
- ▶ Reduce back-up at freeway ramps

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PROCESS

The purpose of the PA/ED process is to analyze the potential operational benefits and environmental effects of potential build alternatives, as well as measures to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate potential effects as feasible.

In accordance with CEQA and NEPA, it is anticipated that draft Environmental Document (DED) will be circulated for public review and comment sometime in 2024. Currently, it is anticipated During public circulation, OCTA and Caltrans will host public meeting(s) to provide an overview of the DED and to receive public comment. Members of the public wishing to review past presentations and public meeting materials can do so at octa.net.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

Initiate PA/ED Process	April 2017
Public Information Meeting/Open House	Mid-2019
Re-start Environmental Study Process	2023
Circulate Draft Environmental Document and Public Hearing	2024
Approve Final Environmental Document	Early 2025