

# SOUTH COUNTY I-5 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT SR-73 TO EL TORO ROAD



**LENGTH**  
6.5 miles

**ADJACENT CITIES**

Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, Laguna Woods  
Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel &  
San Juan Capistrano

**AT A GLANCE**

<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:</b>	\$580 million
<b>FUNDING SOURCE:</b>	OC Go, State and Federal
<b>DEVELOPMENT PHASE:</b>	Construction
<b>SEGMENTS:</b>	SR-73 to Oso Pkwy. Oso Pkwy. to Alicia Pkwy. Alicia Pkwy. to El Toro Rd.
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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Under the direction of OCTA and Caltrans District 12, the San Diego Freeway (I-5) Improvement Project from San Joaquin Hills Toll Road (SR-73) to El Toro Road is intended to improve mobility, operations and safety in southern Orange County.

Major roadway improvements include:

- Add a general purpose lane in each direction of the I-5 between Avery to Alicia Pkwy.
- Extend the second carpool lane from Alicia Pkwy. to El Toro Rd. in both directions as well as convert carpool lanes to continuous access
- Reconstruct the Avery Pkwy. and La Paz Rd. interchanges
- Improve the Los Alisos bridge

In addition, the project will include various other operational and structural improvements, such as the addition of new auxiliary (merge) lanes at select locations, new ramps, bridges, sound walls and retaining walls. Landscaping is the last phase of the improvement process; the design of landscaping will take place once construction is completed.

## PROJECT STATUS

The overall project is about 65% complete. The project is being constructed in three distinct segments. On average, each project segment spans two miles. The project's overall estimated construction schedule spans from mid-2019 to late 2024. However, each segment has its own construction schedule. For current estimated schedules, see below.

In 2022, several key, major milestones were achieved, including but not limited to:

- Segment 1 – Completed Stage 2 Avery Parkway Bridge Reconstruction.
- Segment 2 – Completed Stage 2 La Paz Road Bridge Demolition.
- Segment 3 – Completed Stage 1 Los Alisos Boulevard Bridge Reconstruction.

Throughout construction, OCTA and Caltrans District 12 have and will continue to work together with motorists, stakeholders and cities, including the cities of Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, Laguna Woods, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano, as well as the County of Orange.

## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

SEGMENT	ESTIMATED TIMEFRAME
SR-73 to Oso Pkwy.	January 2020 to Late 2024
Oso Pkwy. to Alicia Pkwy.	April 2019 to Late 2024
Alicia Pkwy. to El Toro Rd.	January 2021 to Late 2024



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