



# Update on Interstate 5/El Toro Road Interchange Project



# Project Location



- El Toro Road interchange top priority for the cities of Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, and Lake Forest (Cities) as input in development of M2
- M2 Ordinance (approved by voters on November 7, 2006)
  - Project D – Interstate 5 (I-5) local interchange upgrades
    - Update and improve key I-5 interchanges, such as Avenida Pico, Ortega Highway, Avery Parkway, La Paz Road, ***El Toro Road***, and others to relieve street congestion around older interchanges and on ramps. ***Specific improvements will be subject to approved plans developed in cooperation with local jurisdictions and affected communities.***
- Next 10 Delivery Plan (2022 Update)
  - I-5/El Toro Road Interchange project to be environmentally cleared by 2030 and shelf ready for future advancement

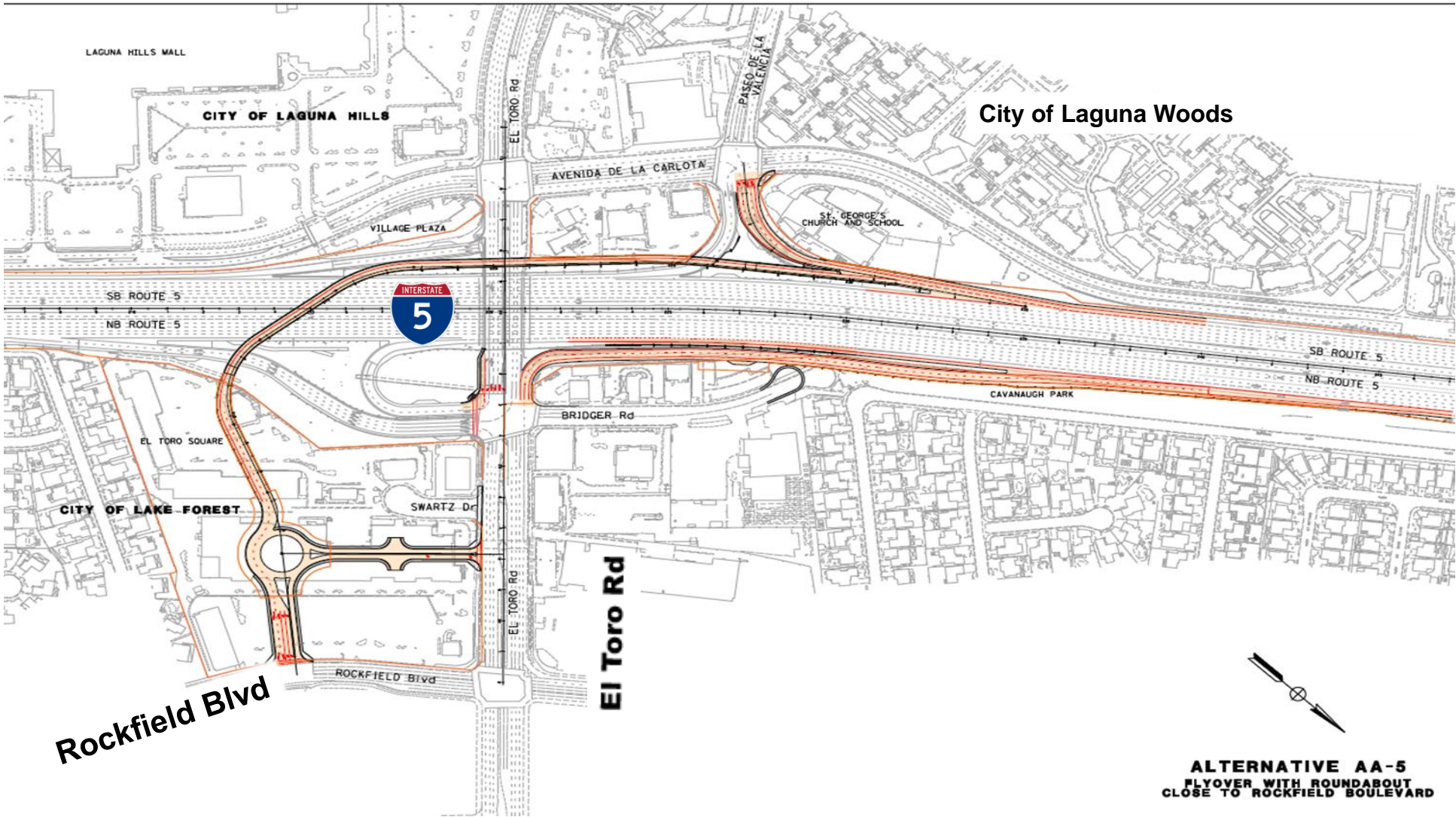
- February 2015 – Project Study Report considered 15 alternatives
  - Four build alternatives recommended for further study
- May 2017 – California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) began the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase
- August 2018 to February 2019 – Design and right-of-way (ROW) workshops held between Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Caltrans, and the Cities
  - Two of four build alternatives removed from further study

- April to May 2019 – Public circulation and review of draft environmental document with two build alternatives
- Late 2019 to Early 2020 – Meetings between OCTA, Caltrans, and the Cities to discuss proposed alternatives, other options, and next steps
- September 2020 – OCTA began an Alternatives Assessment Study to look at potential additional alternatives, in coordination with the Cities and Caltrans
- October 2021 – Alternatives Assessment Study with seven alternatives completed
- January 2022 – City of Lake Forest completed economic assessment of new proposed alternatives
- March 2022 – Laguna Hills City Council approved Village at Laguna Hills development
- March 2022 – Meeting with the Cities and Caltrans to reach consensus on two study alternatives to move forward to the PA/ED phase
- Mid 2022 – Presentations to City Councils
- January 2023 – Caltrans and OCTA restart PA/ED phase

# Assessment Alternative (AA)-1: Braided Ramps One Location



# AA-5: Flyover with Roundabout (Close to Rockfield Boulevard)



**ALTERNATIVE AA-5  
FLYOVER WITH ROUNDABOUT  
CLOSE TO ROCKFIELD BOULEVARD**

- Project update to OCTA Board of Directors (Board) – June 2023
- Project update to the City Councils of Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, and Lake Forest – June and July 2023
- Public scoping meeting – in person: July 2023, virtual: August 2023
- Complete design and environmental studies – December 2024
- Approval of draft PA/ED - December 2024
- Public hearing - February 2025
- Select preferred alternative - July 2025
- Approval of final PA/ED - December 2025



# Public Outreach and Scoping Meetings

- Public Outreach
  - City Council updates
  - Stakeholder briefings
  - Project webpage, email alerts, social media advertising, flyers
  - Spanish and English
- Public Scoping Meetings
  - In-person, July 26, 2023, Lake Forest Community Center
  - Virtual, August 3, 2023
  - Online and print newspaper ads
  - Direct mail postcards
  - Local access television

