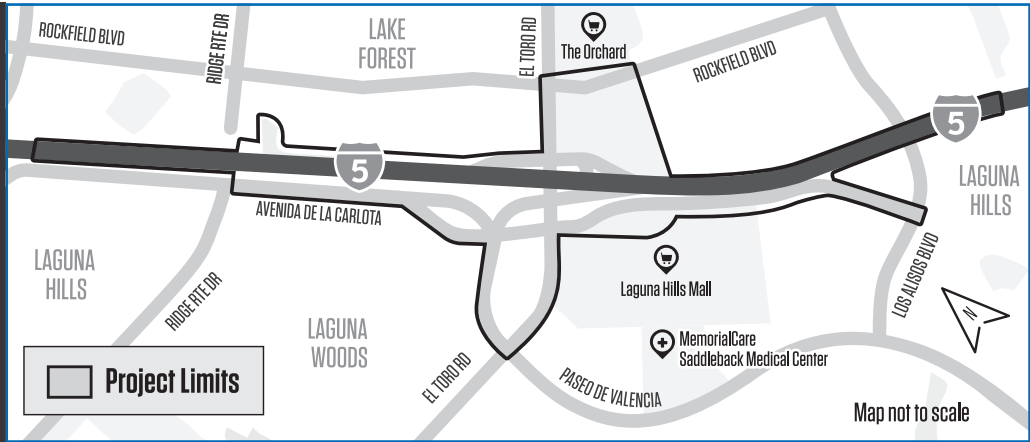


I-5/El Toro Road Interchange Improvement Project



LENGTH
1.9 miles

NEIGHBORING CITIES
Lake Forest, Laguna Woods, Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo

AT A GLANCE

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$152 million - \$247 million* <i>*2019 dollars</i>
FUNDING SOURCE:	OC Go
DEVELOPMENT PHASE:	Project Approval/ Environmental Document (PA/ED)
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Fact Sheet as of 7/23

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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 proposes to improve traffic flow, optimize signal operations, reduce traffic congestion at intersections of local streets, reduce backup at freeway on- and off-ramps, and apply technology to help manage traffic demand. The project is currently in the preliminary engineering and Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase, which began in January 2023 and is expected to be completed in early 2025.

Caltrans is the lead agency for the project under CEQA and NEPA, and OCTA is the sponsoring agency. The project is funded by OC Go (also known as Measure M), Orange County's Transportation Investment Plan renewed by nearly 70% of voters in 2006. Measure M information can be viewed at: www.octa.net/pdf/investmentplan.pdf

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Improve existing and future mobility on the I-5/El Toro Road Interchange by:

- ▶ Improving traffic flow and traffic signal optimization
- ▶ Improving traffic mobility at and through adjacent local street intersections
- ▶ Reducing freeway ramp queueing
- ▶ Applying technology to help manage traffic demand

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PROCESS

The PA/ED process, also known as the environmental study process, is analyzing the potential operational benefits and environmental effects of potential build alternatives and measures to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate these effects as feasible. As mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report (EA/EIR) will be prepared. The initial scoping process began in early 2023 with both in-person and virtual open house scoping meetings held in the summer of 2023. Technical studies will begin in late 2023 through 2024. A draft final project report and draft environmental document will be circulated for public review and comment in early 2025. A Final Project Report and Final Environmental Document will go to OCTA Board of Directors for review and to Caltrans District 12 for approval in late 2025.

ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

Open House Forum Public Scoping Meetings	Summer 2023
Conduct Technical Studies	Mid 2023–Late 2024
Circulate Draft Environmental Document and Public Hearing	Early 2025
Approve Final Environmental Document	Late 2025