

# SOUTH COUNTY I-5 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AVENIDA PICO TO SAN JUAN CREEK ROAD



**LENGTH**  
Approximately 5.7 miles

**AFFECTED CITIES**  
San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point

## AT A GLANCE

**PROJECT COST:** \$232.1 million

**FUNDING:** OC Go, State and Federal funds

**CONTACT:** Measure M Program Management Office

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Fact Sheet as of 5/7/19

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project, a partnership between Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), extended the carpool lane in each direction of I-5 from San Juan Capistrano to San Clemente. The project also reconstructed the Avenida Pico interchange, adding dual left-turn lanes to both on-ramps and widening the northbound on-ramp to three lanes. The project was broken down into 3 segments: Pico to Vista Hermosa, Vista Hermosa to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), and PCH to San Juan Creek Road.

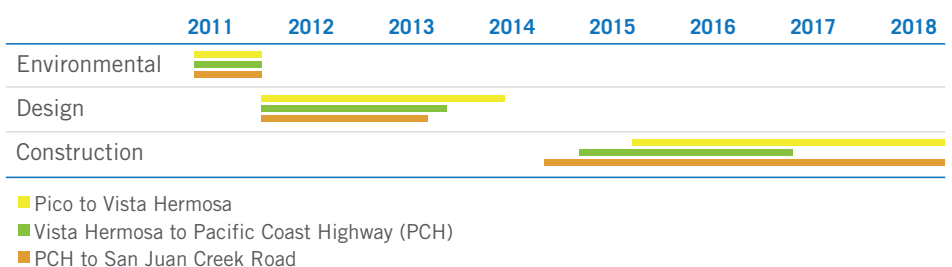
This project was funded by OC Go (also known as Measure M), a 30-year half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in Orange County through 2041. After experiencing the success and progress of M1, nearly 70% of Orange County voters renewed the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements to launch OC Go in 2011. In addition to OC Go funding, this project received funding from state and federal sources.

## PROJECT BENEFITS

- Added a carpool lane in both directions on I-5 between Avenida Pico and San Juan Creek Road
- Improved the sight distance on the southbound horizontal curve north of PCH
- Reconstructed the Avenida Pico interchange, including widening the northbound Avenida Pico on-ramp to three lanes
- Provided dual left-turn lanes to northbound and southbound Avenida Pico on-ramps
- Added a dedicated bicycle lane at Avenida Pico interchange to enhance countywide bicycle facilities
- Added soundwalls where needed



## PROJECT MILESTONES



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