OC CONNECT GARDEN GROVE SANTA ANA



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OVERVIEW

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is studying the development of a biking and walking trail connection along the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW) corridor in Santa Ana and Garden Grove. The OC Connect study area includes 3.1 miles of the PE ROW between Raitt Street in Santa Ana and Euclid Avenue in Garden Grove, as well as 0.85 miles of the Wintersburg Channel between the PE ROW and Hazard Avenue in Santa Ana.

The project creates a 4-mile biking and walking trail connection between Garden Grove and Santa Ana as well as to the Santa Ana River Trail and the countywide 66-mile OC Loop bikeway. This project would improve the transportation network along the corridor and provide a well connected active transportation route.

This study will complete the environmental review of the corridor, known as the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase for a Class 1 bike path, which is a shared bicycle and pedestrian path separated from vehicular traffic. The PA/ED phase will refine the alignment of the trail by completing preliminary design, determine the trail's feasibility, estimate project costs, and determine what, if any, avoidance or mitigation measures must be taken to complete the project.

BENEFITS

The OC Connect trail project would provide critical connections between Garden Grove and Santa Ana with public access from various entry points along the trail. It would increase the use of active transportation travel modes, provide a no-cost, zero-emission transportation option, enhance mobility for non-motorized users, and facilitate active travel away from high-speed and high-volume traffic. The completed study will support the advancement of subsequent project phases to be led by the cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana.

SCHEDULE	
Milestones	Approximate Timeline
Project Initiation	July 2023
Public Engagement	Ongoing
Preliminary Engineering & Technical Studies	Fall 2023 to Spring 2024
Environmental Documentation	Spring 2024 to Winter 2024
Study Completed	December 2024



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