

METROLINK

Orange County Maintenance Facility

Travata Community Meeting
March 14, 2022



OCTA Background

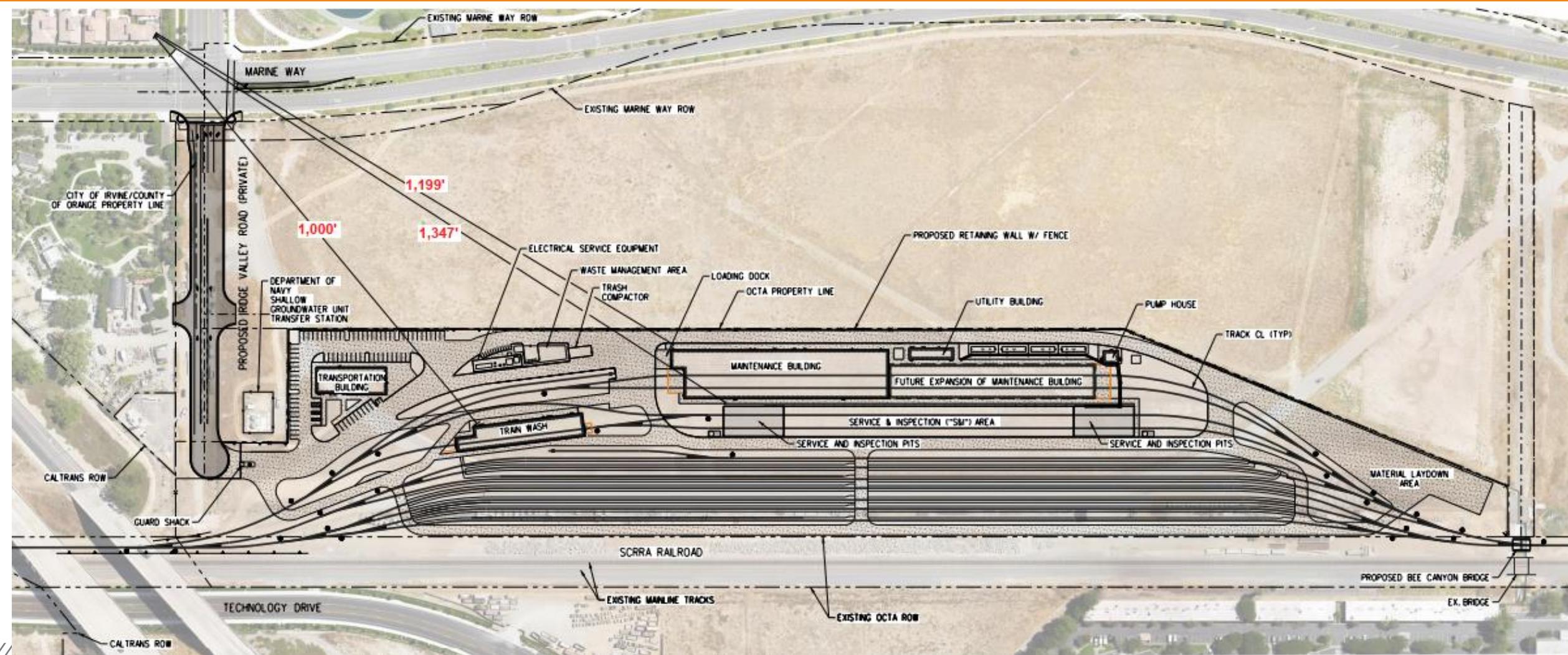
- OC's primary transportation agency
- Governed by 18-member Board of Directors
- Multi-modal focus on freeways, streets and transit
- OCTA programs and services include:
 - Freeways
 - Streets and Roads
 - Rail
 - Bus Transit
 - 91 Express Lanes
 - Motorist Services
 - OCTAP
 - Rideshare
 - OC Go



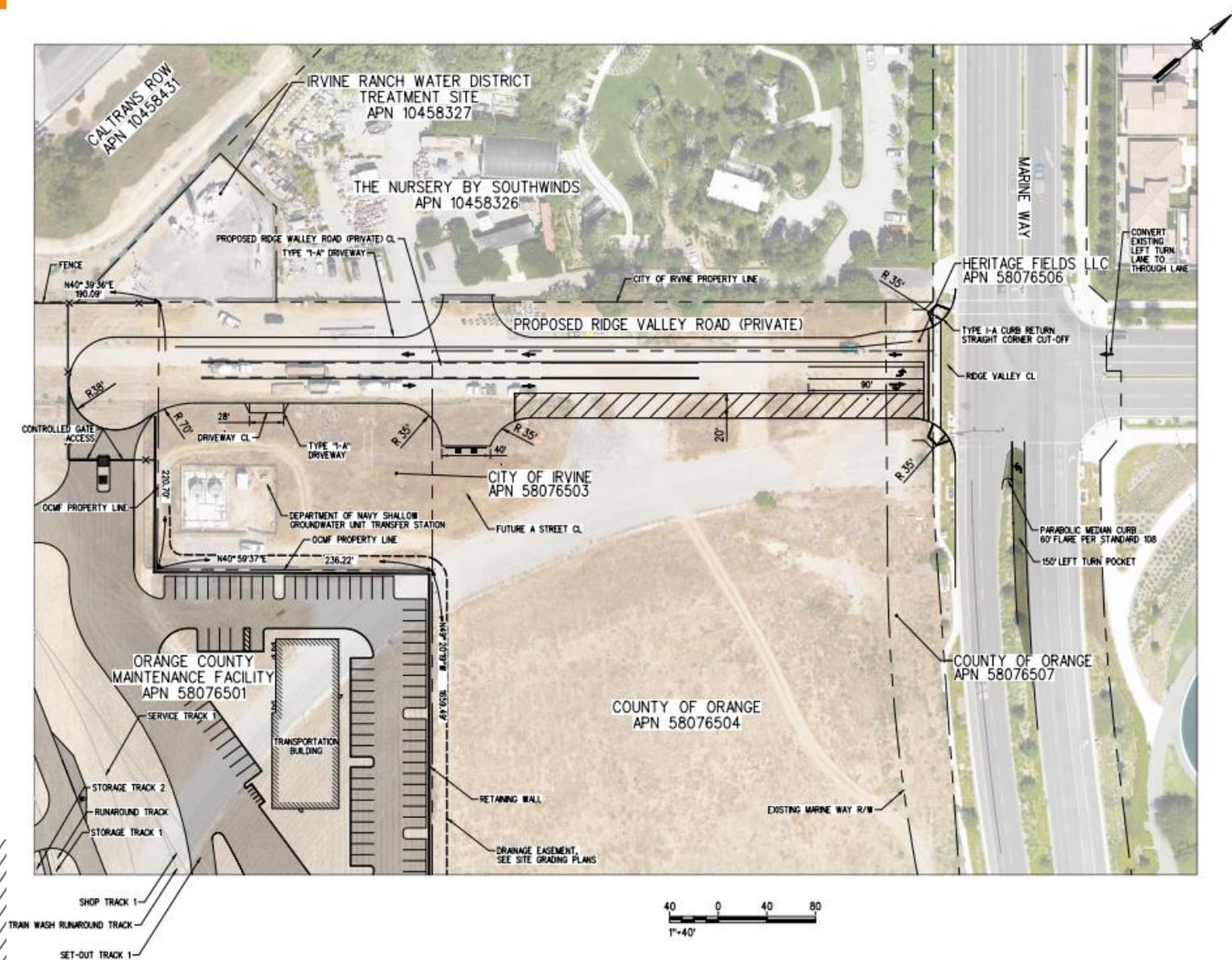
Metrolink

- 7 Lines
- 62 Stations
- 59% of Metrolink riders travel across county lines
- 81% of weekday trips are work related
- 85% of weekday riders own an automobile but choose Metrolink

Site Plan



Ridge Valley Extension



Project Need

- Need for added service capacity
- Eliminate empty train movement to other facilities at the end of the day
- Allow better use of Metrolink's existing fleet
- Serve public transportation needs
- Long term maintenance of public rail facilities

Site Activities

- Inspections of brakes and operational parts of the train
- Wheel sanding
- Train washing
- Interior cleaning
- Restroom maintenance
- Fueling
- Light repairs

Project Benefits

- Reductions in emissions
- Accommodate future expansion
- Increase on time performance
- Local Jobs

Environmental Clearance

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - OCTA Lead
 - Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) released for a 30-day public comment period on February 28, 2022.
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) - FTA Lead
 - Anticipated class of action Categorical Exclusion (CE)
- Results of required technical analysis of potentially impacted resources conclude that the Project would have no impact, less than significant impact, or less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated.

Mitigation Measures

- Air Quality – Low volatile compound paint will be used for interior and exterior
- Biological Resources – Avoidance of nesting season or do a nesting survey
- Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources – Archaeological and tribal monitoring
- Hazardous Materials – Coordination with the Dept. of Navy's current groundwater monitoring
- Noise and Vibration – Pile driving will be greater than 250' from occupied building

The Transportation impact analysis concluded that:

- Trip generation from the Project would be low
- The Project would not result in or contribute to operational deficiencies of existing streets and intersections.

City of Irvine Conditional Use Permit

- The Project is located in the City of Irvine Planning Area 51
- The Project is a conditionally allowable use under zoning code 6.1 Institutional defined by the City's 2015 General Plan
- City's Land Use policy requires Conditional Use Permit (CUP) which is at the discretion of the City to approve

Zoning Map



- 4.1 - Neighborhood Commercial
- 4.2 - Community Commercial
- 4.3 - Vehicle-Related Commercial
- 4.4 - Commercial Recreation
- 4.5 - Regional Commercial
- 4.6 - Retail Office
- 4.7 - Urban Commercial
- 4.8 - Irvine Center Garden Commercial
- 4.9 - LPC Regional Commercial
- 5.1 - IBC Multi-Use
- 5.2 - IBC Industrial
- 5.3 - IBC Residential
- 5.4 - General Industrial
- 5.6 - Business Park
- 6.1 - Institutional
- 8.1 - Trails and Transit Oriented Development

Project Renderings



Project Rendering



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Project Costs and Funding

- Total project cost = \$150- \$165M
- Project may be phased as funding is allowed
- Current funding is a State Grant of \$54M for environmental and design work and a portion of construction
- Future funding sources may be local, state or federal money

Outreach

Meetings:

- Oct. 5 Virtual Meeting
- Nov. 4 OCTA Representative at Travata
- Jan. 12 Travata Meeting
- March 14 Travata Meeting

Notices/Collateral:

- Travata Email System
- Physical Notices
- Notice of Intent (NOI)
- Social Media
- Newspaper Ads
- Project Collateral and Website

ORANGE COUNTY MAINTENANCE FACILITY (OCMF)

You're Invited!

Join the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for a virtual public information meeting about the OCMF Project.

The facility will be a 48-foot, one-story building that includes train storage tracks, locomotive and car service platforms with service and inspection facilities. Additional buildings will include office space for crews and facility staff, parts storage, water treatment, parking access roads, and security.

The project is currently in the environmental and preliminary design phase.

OCGO
Local Tax Dollars at Work

Register at the link below to learn more about the project!

VIRTUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

bit.ly/OCMFmeet1

DATE:
Tuesday, October 5, 2021

TIME:
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Scan to learn more

octa.net/ocmf

Pictured: Phase I, pre-construction

METROLINK
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Virtual Project Information Meeting
October 5, 2021
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

1:02 / 20:01

Logos: OCTA, GOGO, METROLINK, SCORE, SBI, ColSTA

OCTA

Metrolink Orange County Maintenance Facility Project
Notice of Public Review and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, as most recently amended, this notice is issued to advise that the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to evaluate the environmental effects of the Metrolink Orange County Maintenance Facility Project (Project). The Project will provide locomotive and railcar servicing and storage facilities for Metrolink's Orange County Line trains in order to improve Metrolink's operational efficiency and overall system performance.

This Initial Study was completed in accordance with OCTA's Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The document relies on site-specific analysis prepared to address in detail the environmental impacts associated with the Project. On the basis of the Initial Study, OCTA staff has concluded that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the implementation of best management practices and mitigation measures. Consequently, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed.

The Project site is not listed on any lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Project Location: The proposed location for the Project lies in the City of Irvine (City). The main Project Footprint is located on a 21.3-acre OCTA-owned parcel in the City, adjacent to Marine Way and OCTA Metrolink Railroad, between mileposts (MP) 183.50 and 184.00. This location is within a closed military base (Marine Corps Air Station [MCAS] El Toro) formerly owned by the United States Department of the Navy (DON). After MCAS El Toro was closed, the site was quitclaimed by the Navy to Heritage Fields El Toro, LLC in 2011, and then by way of grant deed conveyed by Heritage Fields to the City that same year. OCTA then purchased the fee ownership of the Project Site from the City. Regional vehicle access to the Project Site is from I-5 at Sand Canyon Avenue. Local vehicle access is via Marine Way to Ridge Valley. Construction for the Project will also occur within the existing Metrolink railroad corridor between MP 183.30 and MP 184.50.

Project Description: The Project includes the construction of a new rail yard, a new rail bridge over the Bee Canyon Channel adjacent to an existing single-span rail bridge, lead tracks and yard tracks, storage, operations and maintenance buildings, train wash, ancillary structures, landscape improvements, street and traffic signal improvements, and safety and security features. Funding is currently not available to construct the entire facility at one time. Instead, a phase construction approach is proposed to build the initial portion of the facility including the most immediately needed elements. The addition of the remaining components will be advanced as the need arises and when funding becomes available.

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period will begin on February 28, 2022. Comments can be submitted via email (ocmf@octa.net) or mailed to Lora Cross, Project Manager, Orange County Transportation Authority, 550 S. Main Street Orange, CA 92868. Comments must be submitted by no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 29, 2022. The Draft IS/MND and reference documents are also available for review with a link to comment on the Project webpage (www.octa.net/ocmf) and for review physically at the OCTA headquarters at 550 S. Main Street in the City of Orange.

For additional information regarding this Project, please contact:

Lora Cross
Project Manager
Orange County Transportation Authority
E-mail: ocmf@octa.net

Project Timeline

- Complete Environmental Review 2022
- Design Phase 2023- 25
- Construction Starts 2026
- Project Completion 2028

Next Steps

- The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is now available for review and comment. The 30-day review period is from Feb. 28 to March 29
- The OCTA staff will submit the MND to the Transit Committee on April 14th and Board of Director's April 25th
- The City Transportation Commission will consider the Traffic Study on April 5th
- Per the CUP process, the City of Irvine will notice the community in the Project area prior to the meeting date set for the Planning Commission to consider the Project for approval

How to Comment

- Comments on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) must be submitted in writing by March 29 at 5 p.m.
- Document is available at octa.net/ocmf and at Travata
- Comments can be submitted via email (ocmf@octa.net) or mailed to Lora Cross, Project Manager, Orange County Transportation Authority, 550 S. Main Street Orange, CA 92868.
- Comment cards available to fill out at and turn in at this meeting
- Comments will be responded to in the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Questions

- Verbal Comments/Questions will not be accepted as part of the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). Please submit written comments.
- For more information about this project:
 - www.octa/ocmf
- For more information about Metrolink:
 - [Welcome to Metrolink \(metrolinktrains.com\)](http://metrolinktrains.com)
- Questions:
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 - Project email: ocmf@octa.net