

METROLINK Orange County Maintenance Facility

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



OCTA Background

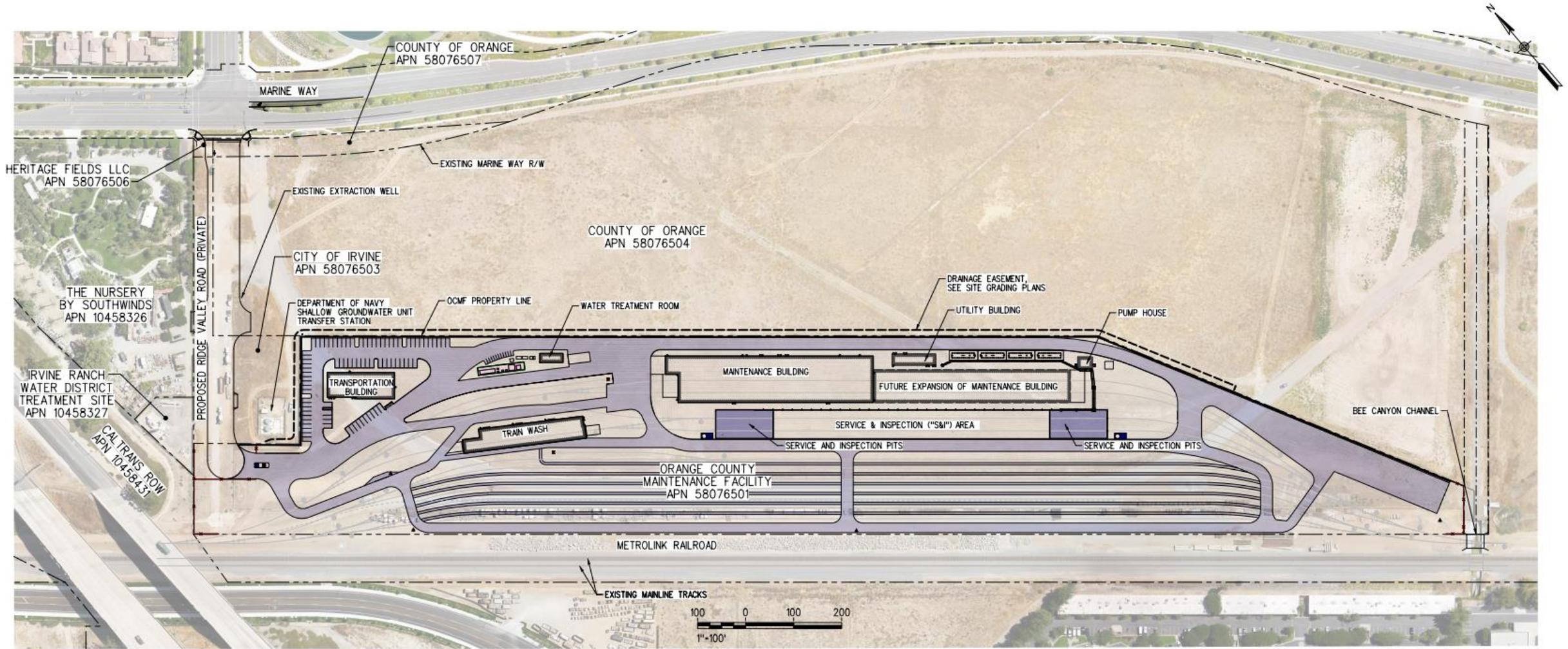
- OC's primary transportation agency
- Governed by 18-member Board of Directors
- Multi-modal focus on freeways, streets and transit
- OCTA programs and services include:
 - Freeways
 - Streets and Roads
 - Rail
 - Bus Transit
 - 91 Express Lanes
 - Motorist Services
 - OCTAP
 - Rideshare
 - OC Go



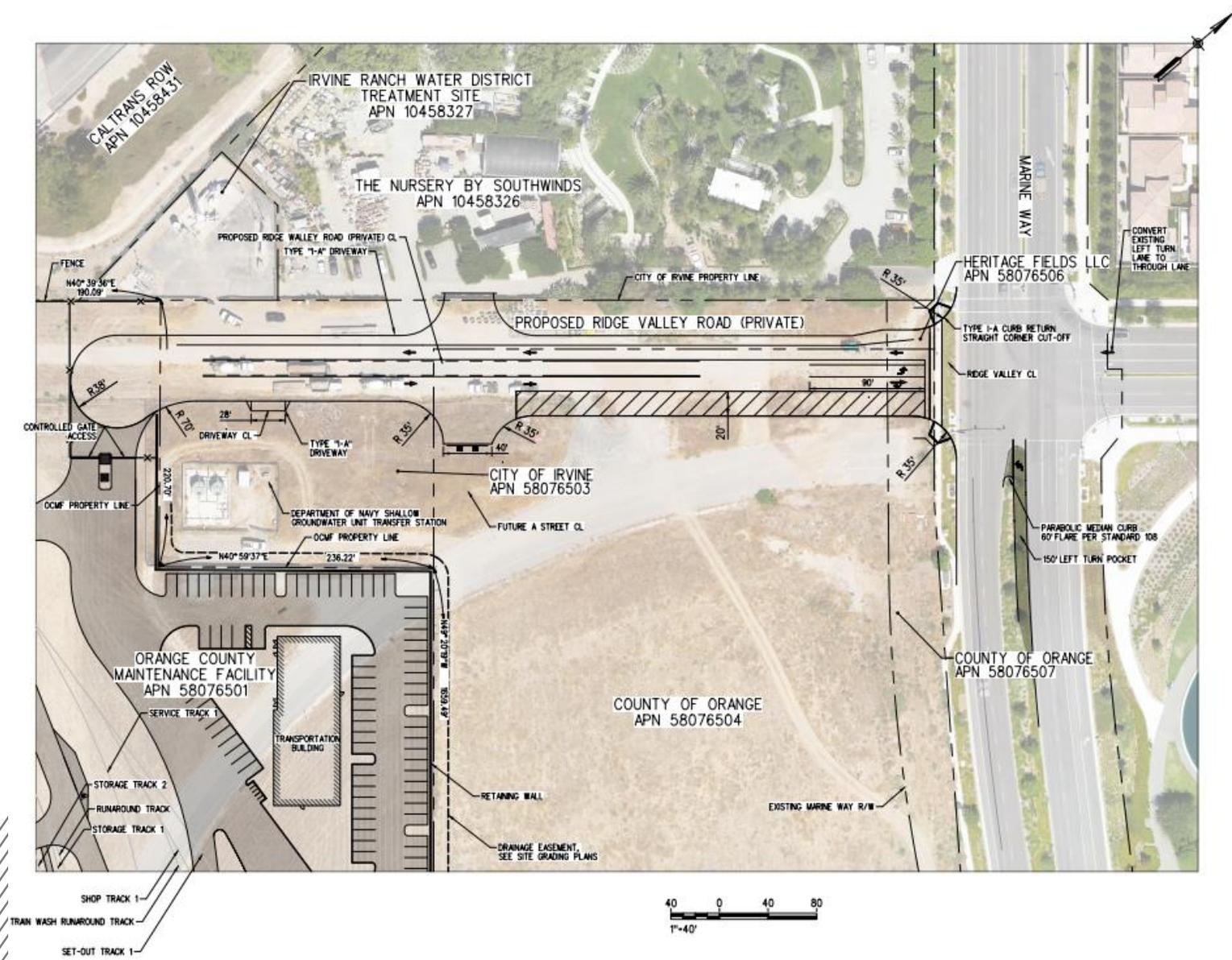
Metrolink

- 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



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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

Project Timeline

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

Environmental Clearance

- OCTA is preparing a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- OCTA is coordinating with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to initiate the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process with FTA as the NEPA Lead Agency
- The anticipated NEPA class of action for the Project is a documented Categorical Exclusion (CE)
- The Project is being evaluated under required environmental categories including Aesthetics, Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Biological Resources, Cultural & Tribal Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise & Vibration, Hydrology and Water Quality

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 defined by the City's 2015 General Plan
- City's zoning ordinance requires Conditional Use Permit (CUP) which is at the discretion of the City to approve
- Active discretionary planning projects are listed on the City's website

Project Renderings



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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

Questions?

- How do I provide comments
- What is the timeframe to submit comments?
- How do I know if my input has been considered?

Next Steps

- Per CEQA process, OCTA will file a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project with the County of Orange and the State Clearinghouse
- A 30-day period following the Project posting date allows the public to review the Project and provide comments
- OCTA continues coordination with FTA on NEPA clearance
- 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