

About the Project

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in coordination with Metrolink, is replacing the railroad bridge over San Juan Creek in the City of San Juan Capistrano to enhance safety and reduce maintenance needs. Once the new bridge is completed and train service is switched over, the existing bridge will be demolished. Construction is expected to be completed in 2026.

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Construction Activities

Crews are expected to continue constructing the substructure for the new bridge on Saturday, June 15 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. to install metal pipes. This work will continue into early next week. No work is anticipated to occur on Sunday, June 16.

Drilling operations to install steel beams are set to begin the week of June 17. Concrete pours are required as part of this work and are anticipated to begin during the early morning hours. Approximately 40 concrete trucks will be accessing the creek from Camino Capistrano and exiting at Stonehill Drive. No lane closures are anticipated during this activity.

This work may be loud. The schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen operational issues.



Drill rig mobilized to the project site.

San Juan Creek Trail Closure

A segment of the San Juan Creek Trail/Vereda Bikeway beneath the bridge is expected to be closed intermittently during construction. The first closure is expected to occur this summer. More information regarding the details of the closure will be available soon.

A detour has been established using Camino Capistrano, Del Obispo Street and the Trabuco Creek Trail. The detour is the most direct route around the closure.



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Train Horns

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) guidelines require all trains to sound their horns when workers are present, in emergency situations, or when there are trespassers on or around railroad tracks. This federal mandate applies to construction zones. As a result, for the safety of construction workers, train crews and passengers, train horns will sound when they pass through the area.

Noise and Vibration

As with any construction project, the public and businesses adjacent to the work area may experience noise and vibration from demolition and drilling activities, as well as light from evening operations.

Noise may be generated from back-up alarms from construction equipment. The alarms are required by state regulation.

In Your Community

The Public Outreach team held a project information booth at Descanso Park to notify the community and trail users about construction activities and the intermittent closure of the San Juan Creek Trail. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to ask questions and learn more about the project! We look forward to hosting another project booth soon.





Project Resources

Project Website **Fact Sheet**

FAQs

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