



SAN JUAN CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



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 early 2027.

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San Juan Creek Trail Reopening and Closure Update

The segment of the San Juan Creek Trail between Trabuco Creek and Camino Capistrano is expected to reopen on the evening of Friday, Aug. 9. The trail was closed to allow crews to install piles, also referred to as steel beams, adjacent to the trail.

Additional Trail Closure

For crews to continue to safely move equipment to construct an abutment near the trail, an additional full closure is needed beginning as early as Monday, Aug. 19. This closure is expected to last for approximately three weeks.

Detour

Trail users will be detoured to Camino Capistrano, Del Obispo Street and Trabuco Creek Trail. Bicyclists are encouraged to walk their bikes along Del Obispo Street. Click on the closure and detour map to the right to enlarge.



Construction Activities

Contractors are continuing to construct the bridge foundation for the new railroad bridge. Over the past several months, crews have been working in the creek drilling, pouring concrete, and installing piles. Approximately 40 concrete trucks will continue to access the creek from Camino Capistrano and exit at Stonehill Drive through September.

In addition, crews are expected to construct an access ramp in the creek to facilitate construction of the abutment near the trail, which will require approximately 20 dump trucks coming in from Paseo Adelanto. During this time, flaggers will be positioned to manage trail traffic. Pedestrians and bicyclists will be briefly stopped by flaggers until the trail is cleared and it is safe for them to

proceed.

Extended Work Hours

Crews are required to demobilize from the creek in mid-September. To complete the current work in the creek, contractors will be working extended shifts Mondays through Saturdays and some Sundays. More information will be available in future communications.

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



Concrete trucks staged next to the creek.

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