



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 Set to Close Nov. 12-22

The San Juan Creek Trail is expected to close as soon as Tuesday, Nov. 12 to Friday, Nov. 22, from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The trail is expected to reopen at the end of each workday and remain open during Thanksgiving week. An additional trail closure is expected in mid-December.

This closure will allow crews to construct a retaining wall and perform work on the new railroad bridge.

Trail users will be detoured to Camino Capistrano, Del Obispo Street and the Trabuco Creek Trail. Detour signs will be installed prior to the closure. Click on the map to enlarge.

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



Retaining Wall Construction

Crews are continuing to construct a retaining wall next to City Hall and the Santa Margarita Water District facilities. This work is expected to continue through the end of the year. Construction vehicles are accessing the location using Paseo Adelanto.



In Your Community

The Public Outreach team hosted a project information booth in Descanso Park and a community meeting at San Juan Mobile Estates on Saturday, Nov. 2. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to receive the latest construction updates and ask questions! Here are some of the top questions we received:

Q: Will OCTA/Metrolink construct a pedestrian and bike bridge over the San Juan Creek?

A: No, a bikeway/pedestrian bridge over the creek is not within the project scope. Construction of a bikeway/ pedestrian bridge would fall under the jurisdiction of the County of Orange Public Works Department, Orange County Flood Control District and the City of San Juan Capistrano.

Q: How will construction affect rail service? **A:** Passenger rail service will continue during construction. However, some service interruptions are anticipated.

Q: Why is a second bridge foundation being constructed?

A: There are no plans for a second bridge but because there may be a need, a foundation and substructure for a bridge will be constructed. San Juan Creek is home to environmentally sensitive wildlife and habitat and the area is difficult to access for construction, so if a future need arises for a second bridge, the supporting infrastructure is in place.



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