

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. The existing bridge will be demolished, and a new foundation and substructure will be constructed in its place for a potential future bridge. Construction is expected to be completed in 2026.

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Construction Activities

Construction is underway to replace the 107year-old railroad bridge over San Juan Creek in San Juan Capistrano. Contractors are mobilizing equipment and materials to the site as they prepare to perform drilling operations and construct the bridge columns for the new railroad bridge.

Construction generally occurs on weekdays, Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some night and weekend work may be required for some activities.



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

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 in early 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.



View Detour Map

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 holds regular project information booths at Descanso Park in San Juan Capistrano and Doheny State Beach in Dana Point, as well as host booths at local community events. We encourage the community to stop by, ask questions or pick up project resources!

Our next booth will be at: Descanso Park 32506 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also, if you are a businesses or civic organization and would like to receive a project presentation or briefing, please email SJCBridge@octa.net.



Project Resources



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