



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the SR-91 (SR-57 to SR-55) Improvement Project?

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is improving State Route 91 (SR-91) from approximately State Route 57 (SR-57) to State Route 55 (SR-55). OCTA and Caltrans are working with the neighboring cities of Anaheim, Orange, Placentia, Fullerton and Yorba Linda.

The project will improve mobility throughout the corridor, reduce weaving and merging between ramps, and improve on- and off-ramps.

2. Why are improvements needed on the SR-91 in this area?

The portion of SR-91 between State College Boulevard and Lakeview Avenue experiences congestion and traffic delays during peak travel periods due to local and regional traffic demand exceeding available capacity on the freeway, and demand is expected to increase.

In addition, weaving and short merging distances between successive ramps and the SR-57 and SR-55 connectors creates several bottlenecks along westbound SR-91. Without improvements, the increased travel demand will result in increased travel time, delays and insufficient operating conditions along the freeway, ramps and areas of weaving.

3. What improvements will be made in each segment of the project?

a. Segment 1 - Lake View Avenue to SR-55

Work in this segment includes adding a new signalized drop ramp from Lakeview Avenue that connects directly to southbound SR-55 lanes. The project will also realign the existing Lakeview on-ramp to feed only westbound SR-91, separating westbound SR-91 and southbound SR-55 traffic to further streamline traffic movement. In addition, the Lakeview bridge will be reconstructed to feature standard-width lanes, shoulders and sidewalks in each direction to better accommodate vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

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b. **Segment 2 - SR-55 to SR-57**

Work in this segment includes adding a new eastbound regular lane and reconstructing the bridges at Glassell Street/Kraemer Boulevard and Tustin Avenue. The bridges will have standard-width lanes, shoulders, sidewalks and bike lanes in each direction.

c. **Segment 3 - La Palma Avenue to State College Boulevard**

Work in this segment includes reconstructing the La Palma Avenue bridge to include standard-width lanes, shoulders, sidewalks and bike lanes in both directions. On northbound SR-57, a bypass ramp to Orangethorpe Avenue will be added before the SR-57/SR-91 interchange, reducing the need for merging and weaving. Additionally, the auxiliary lane from southbound SR-57 to westbound SR-91 will be extended to the Raymond Avenue/East Street off-ramp to improve traffic flow.

4. How much does the project cost and how is it funded?

The project cost is \$451 million and is funded by OC Go (also known as Measure M, Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements), 91 Express Lanes excess revenue and Senate Bill 1 (SB1).

5. What is OC Go?

OC Go, also known as Measure M, is a 30-year one half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in Orange County. The measure was approved by nearly 70 percent of voters in 2006. For more information, visit octa.net/OCGo.

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6. What is the project schedule?

Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2024 and is expected to be completed by early 2030. The segment schedules are:

- a. **Segment 1 - Lake View Avenue to SR-55**
Late 2024 to Early 2028
- b. **Segment 2 - SR-55 to SR-57**
Mid-2026 to Early 2030
- c. **Segment 3 - La Palma Avenue to State College Boulevard**
Late 2025 to Mid-2029

7. What bridges and interchanges will be impacted by the project improvements?

- a. SR-91/SR-55 Interchange
- b. Lakeview Avenue Bridge
- c. Tustin Avenue Bridge
- d. Glassell Street/Kraemer Boulevard Bridge
- e. La Palma Avenue Bridge
- f. State College Boulevard Bridge
- g. SR-91/SR-57 Interchange

8. Are any long-term closures anticipated?

Long-term closures will be needed to facilitate bridge reconstruction and ramp realignments throughout the project corridor. Once a project schedule is finalized, these closures will be communicated well in advance to minimize the impact to the public.

9. Are new sound walls being constructed?

Yes, new sound and retaining walls will be constructed at various locations to accommodate the freeway improvements.

10. What are the potential impacts to my business?

Businesses adjacent to the project area may experience traffic delays, noise and vibration related to construction activities. The outreach team will notify affected businesses in advance, and work with the contractors to minimize potential impacts.

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11. If bus service is affected by this project, where can I get information?

There are two options:

1. OCTA Rider Alerts: View weekly rider alerts, construction/event route detours, and route/schedule adjustments at octa.net/rideralerts.
2. Text4Alert: Receive rider alerts on your mobile phone. Select desired routes, including detours and schedule changes. Visit octa.net/Text4Alerts for more information.

12. What can I expect during construction?

Construction generally will occur on weekdays, but weekend and night work may be required for some activities. Motorists may experience traffic delays and should allow extra time to reach their destinations. As with any construction project, there may be noise, vibration, and temporary lighting for nighttime construction operations.

Closures are needed for contractors to perform work including bridge and railing demolition, ramp reconstruction and overhead sign installation among other activities.

13. Will nighttime construction noise be monitored?

Noise levels will be monitored, and Caltrans and city restrictions will be enforced. Residents may hear back-up alarms and noise from construction activities. The alarms are required by state regulation for employee safety. The sound level must be audible for 200 feet and distinguishable from the surrounding noise.

14. How can I stay informed on project activities, closures and detours?

- a. Visit the project website and sign up for construction alerts: octa.net/91Improvements
- b. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#): @91Improvements
- c. Email 91project@octa.net or call 888-280-7966