ORANGETHORPE Avenue Overcrossing



AT A GLANCE

PROJECT COST:	\$117.4 million
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OCTA will reconstruct Orangethorpe Avenue as a bridge to allow vehicles to pass over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway tracks to separate rail and roadway traffic. On the west side of the project, Crowther Avenue and Miller Street will rise to meet Orangethorpe Avenue, which begins to ascend approximately 500 feet west of Miller Street. On the north side of the project, Chapman Avenue rises to meet the elevated portions of Orangethorpe, which lowers back to street level approximately 800 feet east of Chapman.

The project was previously planned for the bridge to be built while Orangethorpe remained open via a bypass road with one lane in both directions. Due to complex utility relocations that have affected the construction schedule, a full closure of Orangethorpe will be required. Chapman Avenue will be closed from early 2015 to late 2015.

When completed, the project will allow cars to cross over the railroad tracks, improving safety and removing delays, and eliminating the need for train horns to sound.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction of the Orangethorpe Avenue Overcrossing is underway and scheduled to be completed by fall 2016. Work is scheduled so that adjacent crossings are not closed to drivers at the same time, and OCTA is working to reduce the effects of construction on the community. Some night work is anticipated throughout the project.

SAFETY: OCTA'S TOP PRIORITY

OCTA's highest priority is safety for its project workers and the public. During construction, please:

- Slow down and watch for workers and equipment
- Allow extra time to get to work, school and appointments
- Be extra careful when driving at night and in rainy weather
- Avoid use of mobile phones or other distractions
- Watch for closures and follow detours
- Be patient. Remember that this is a short-term inconvenience for a long-term traffic solution.

PROJECT / MAJOR MILESTONES

- Relocation of underground and overhead utilities
- Construct temporary noise blanket walls and permanent retaining walls
- Build new Orangethorpe Overpass bridge
- Construct Atwood Channel improvements
- Build new Miller Street roadway bridge

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Greater driver/pedestrian safety
- Shorter emergency response times
- Elimination of delays
- Easier business access
- Enhanced economic vitality
- Improved air/noise conditions
- Better quality of life

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



