

# OCTA Comments on South County Traffic Relief Effort

# Background



- 2004: South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project (SOCTIIP)
- 2013: Tesoro Extension Addendum to SOCTIIP
- 2016:
  - South Orange County Mobility Working Group (six elected official meetings)
  - Community Ascertainment Study
  - Foothill South and Tesoro Extensions Settlement Agreement
- 2017:
  - Initiated South County Traffic Relief Effort PSR-PDS
  - South County Traffic Relief Initial Screening Report
- 2019: South County Traffic Relief Effort – Final PSR-PDS
- Current:
  - **South County Traffic Relief Effort – PA&ED – Scoping**

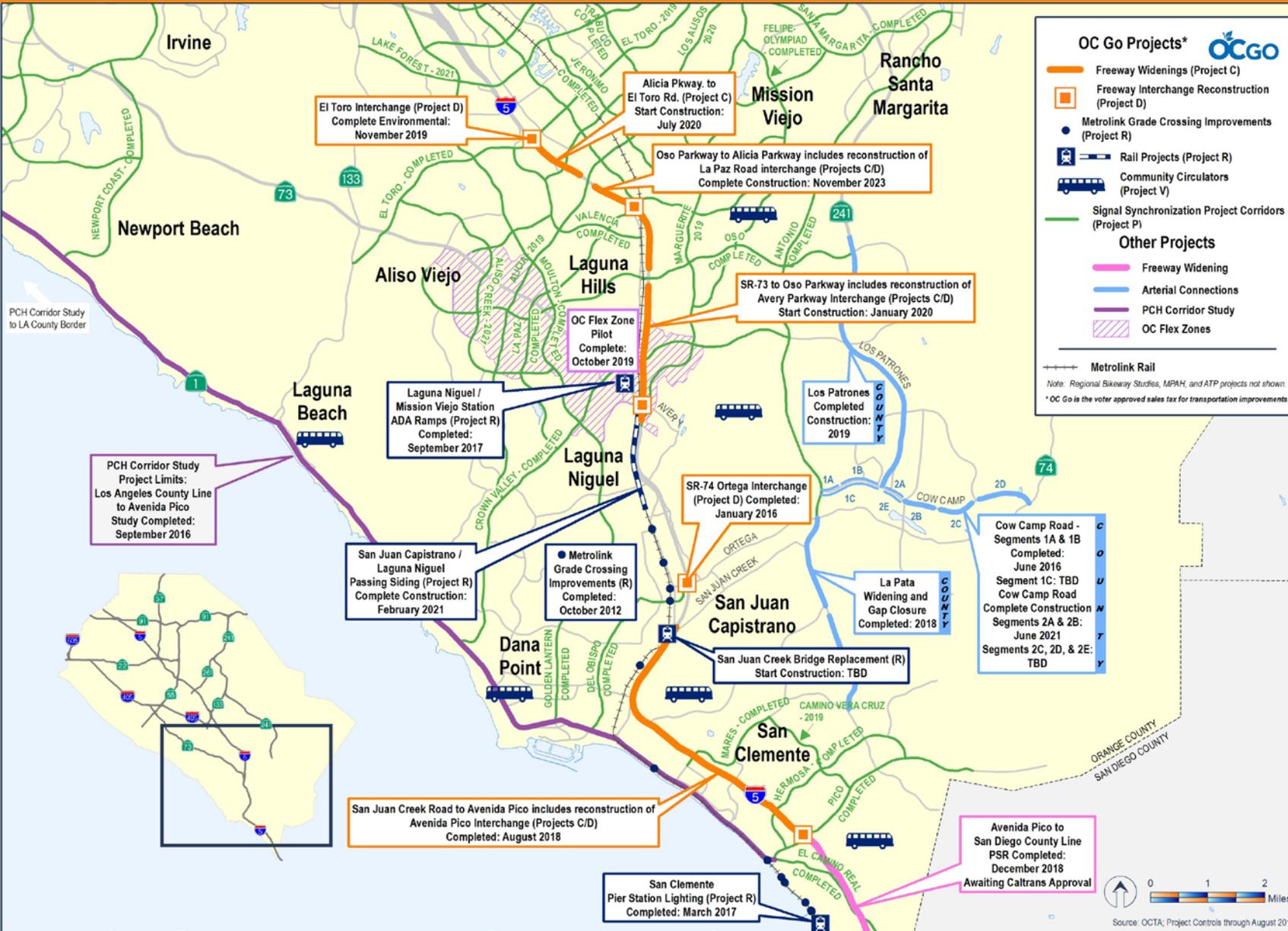
PSR-PDS – Project Study Report-Project Development Support  
PA&ED – Project Approval and Environmental Document



- 2008: South Orange County Major Investment Study
- 2010: Long-Range Transportation Plan
- 2011: Measure M2 improvements initiated
- 2012: Expanded Metrolink service launched
- 2015: New I-5/Ortega interchange opens
- 2016: Initiated I-5 PSR-PDS (Avenida Pico to County line)
- 2018: New I-5 HOV lanes open (San Juan Creek Road to Avenida Pico)
- Current:
  - **Ortega Highway widening – environmental assessment (Caltrans)**
  - **I-5 widening from Avery to El Toro in construction**
  - **South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study**
- Proposed:
  - Final Design of Ortega Highway widening project
  - Environmental Assessment of I-5 HOV extension

I-5 – Interstate 5 / HOV – High-Occupancy Vehicle /  
Caltrans – California Department of Transportation

# Implemented/Planned Projects and Services



- \$1 billion in freeway investments
- \$323 million in arterial projects
- \$34 million in signal synchronization
- \$116 million in rail investments
- \$29 million in community circulators

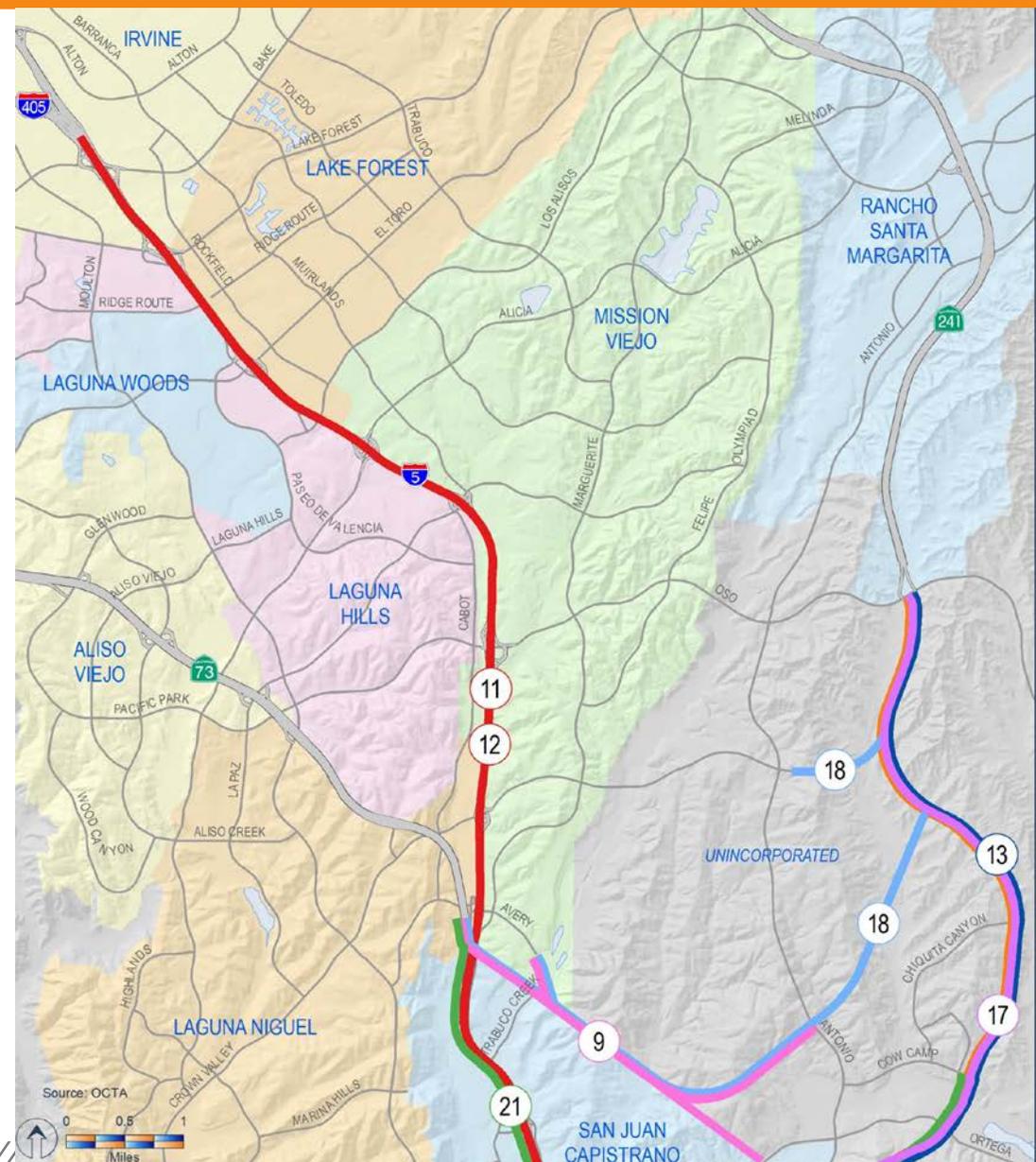
Source: Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and local agencies

# TCA: South County Traffic Relief Effort – PSR-PDS

## TCA PSR-PDS – 8 Alternatives

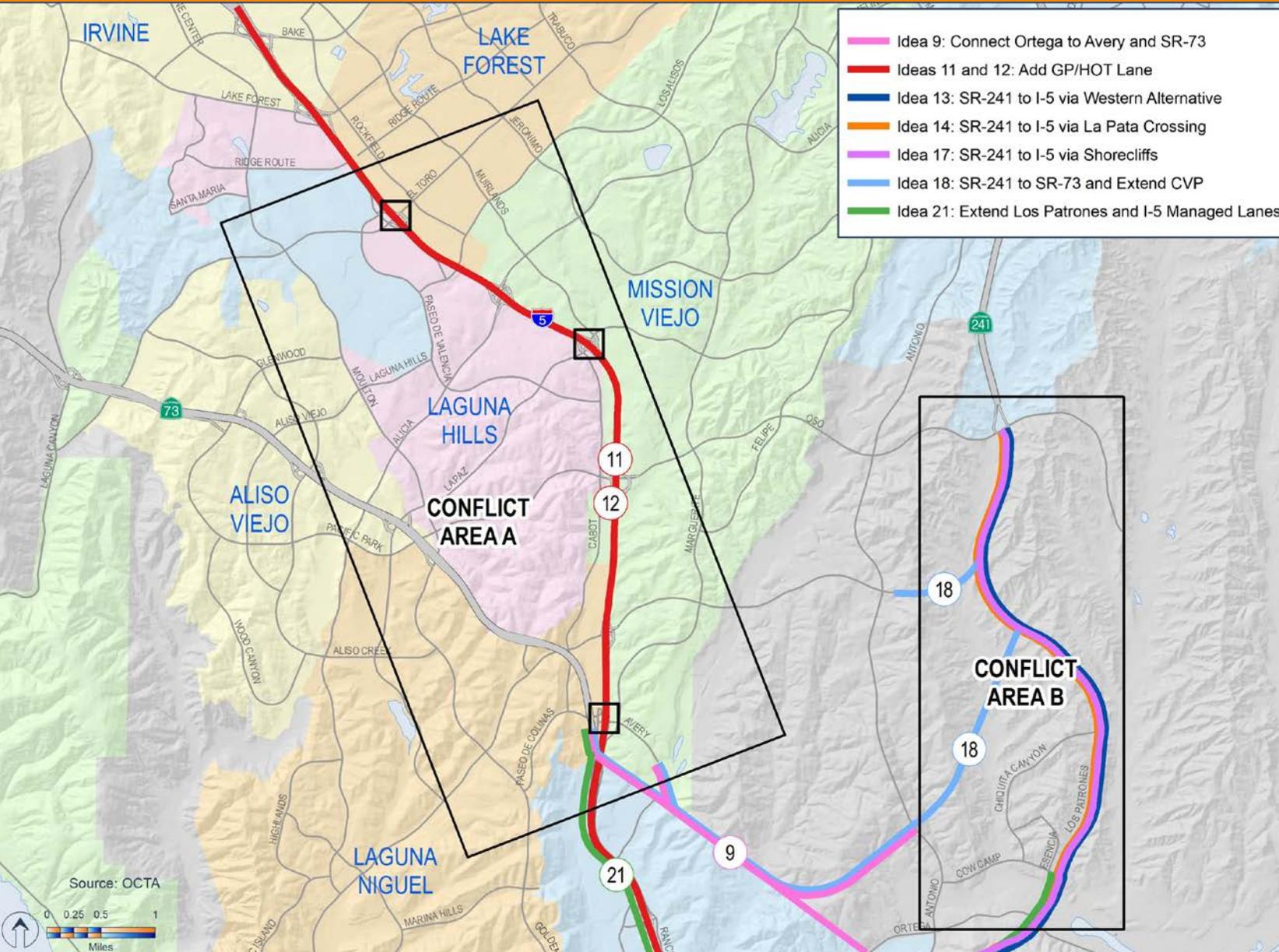
2x	East-west connectors (9,18)
2x	I-5 widenings with HOT or GP lanes south of I-405 (11,12)
3x	SR-241 connections to I-5 (13,14,17)
1x	Los Patrones Parkway connection to Avenida La Pata w/ I-5 HOT lanes south of SR-73 (21)

TCA – Transportation Corridor Agencies  
 HOT – High-Occupancy Toll  
 GP – General-Purpose  
 I-405 – Interstate 405  
 SR-241 – State Route 241  
 SR-73 – State Route 73



- Idea 9: Connect Ortega to Avery and SR-73
- Ideas 11 and 12: Add GP/HOT Lane
- Idea 13: SR-241 to I-5 via Western Alternative
- Idea 14: SR-241 to I-5 via La Pata Crossing
- Idea 17: SR-241 to I-5 via Shorecliffs
- Idea 18: SR-241 to SR-73 and Extend CVP
- Idea 21: Extend Los Patrones and I-5 Managed Lanes

# Conflicts with Current & Planned Projects



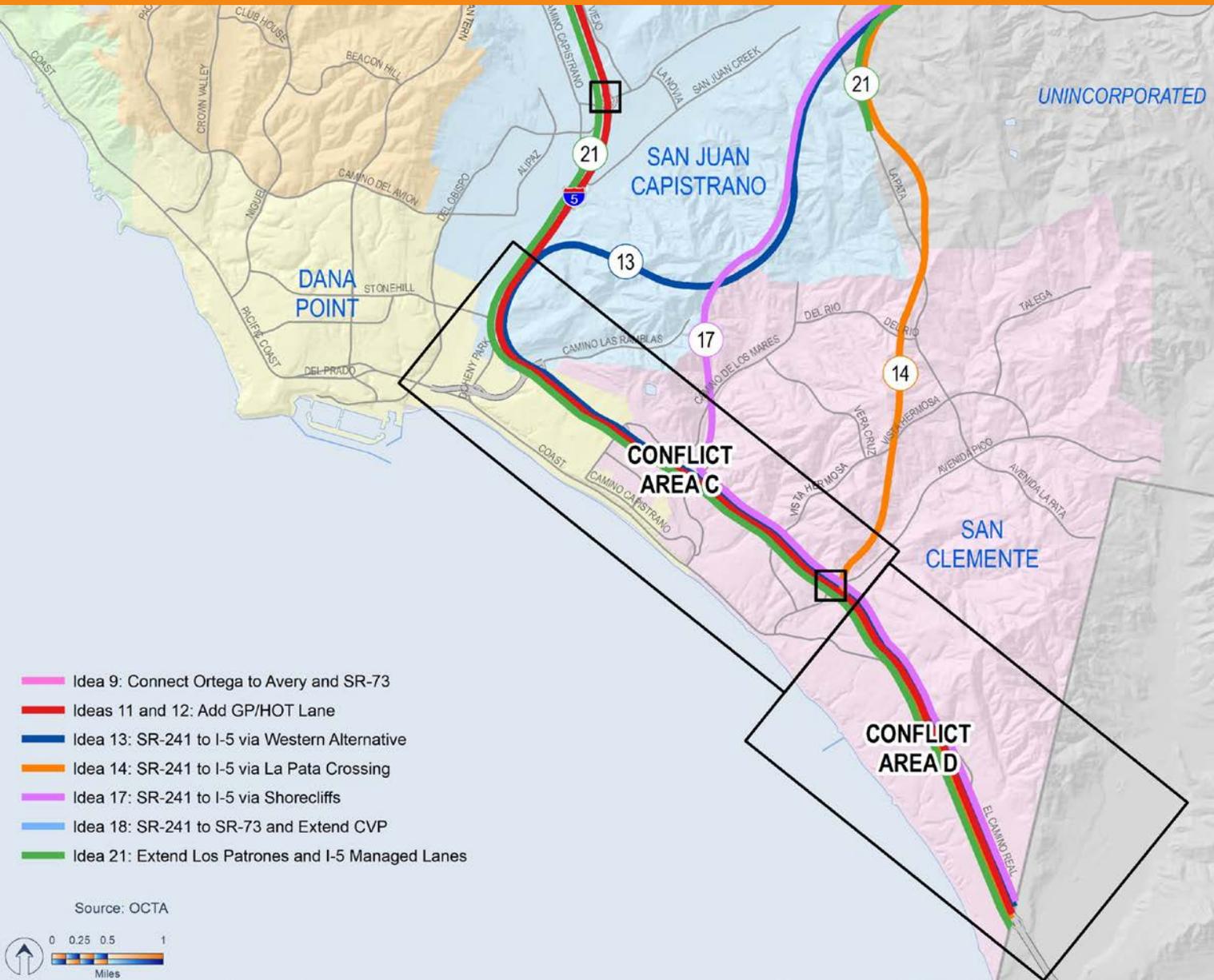
## Area A:

- Converts Measure M-funded carpool lanes (Alicia Parkway to El Toro Road) to HOT lanes
- Requires additional construction in a location currently in construction
- Constrained right-of-way

## Area B:

- Converts Los Patrones Parkway from local roadway to toll road

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## Area C:

- Converts Measure M-funded carpool lanes (Avenida Pico to San Juan Creek Road) to HOT lanes
- Constrained right-of-way

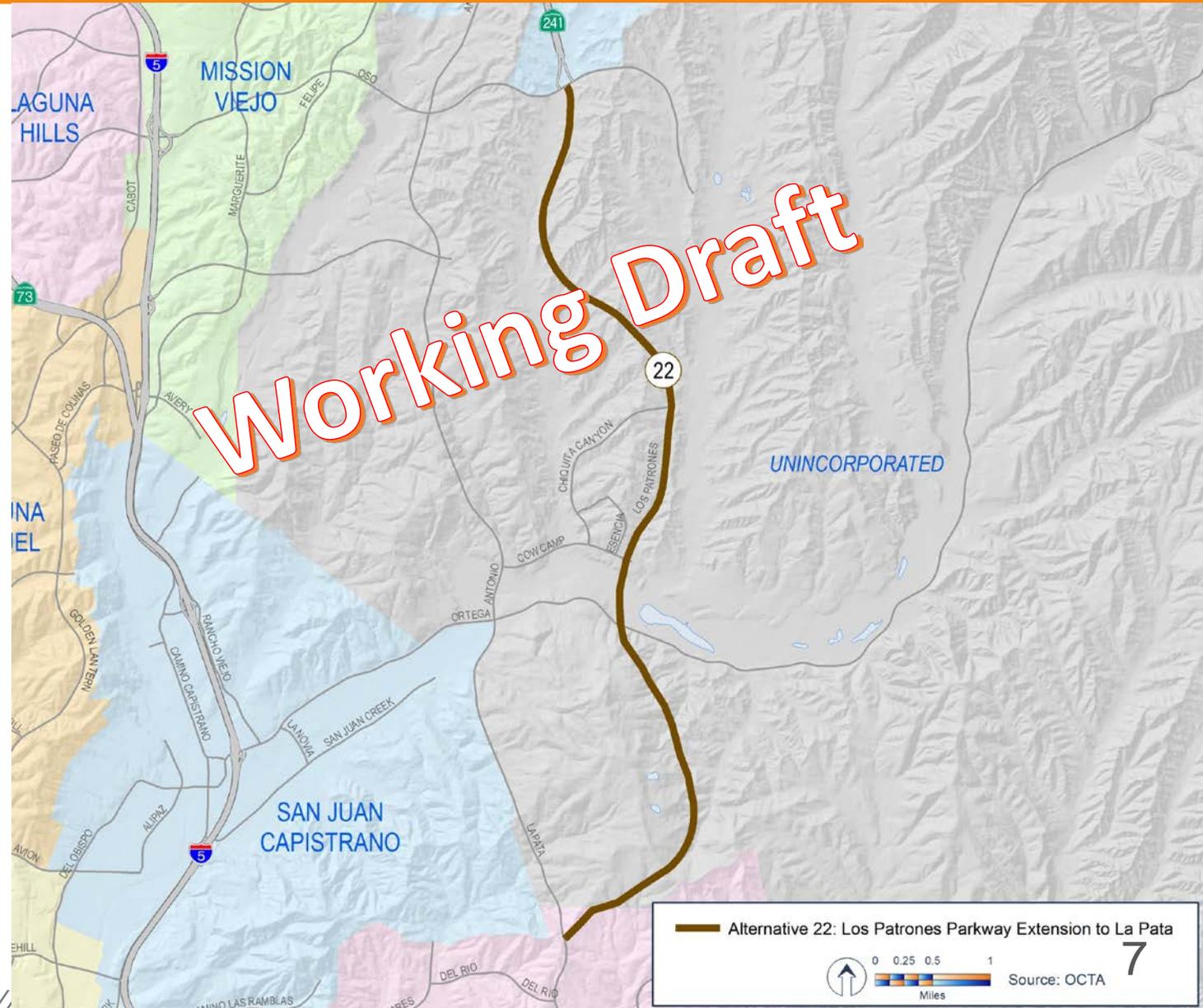
## Area D:

- Converts planned carpool lanes (Avenida Pico to County line) to HOT lanes
- Constrained right-of-way

# New Concepts

## Draft Alternative 22:

- Extends Los Patrones Parkway to Avenida La Pata
- Mirrors County of Orange alignment intended as a local roadway with independent utility
- TCA may assume tolls

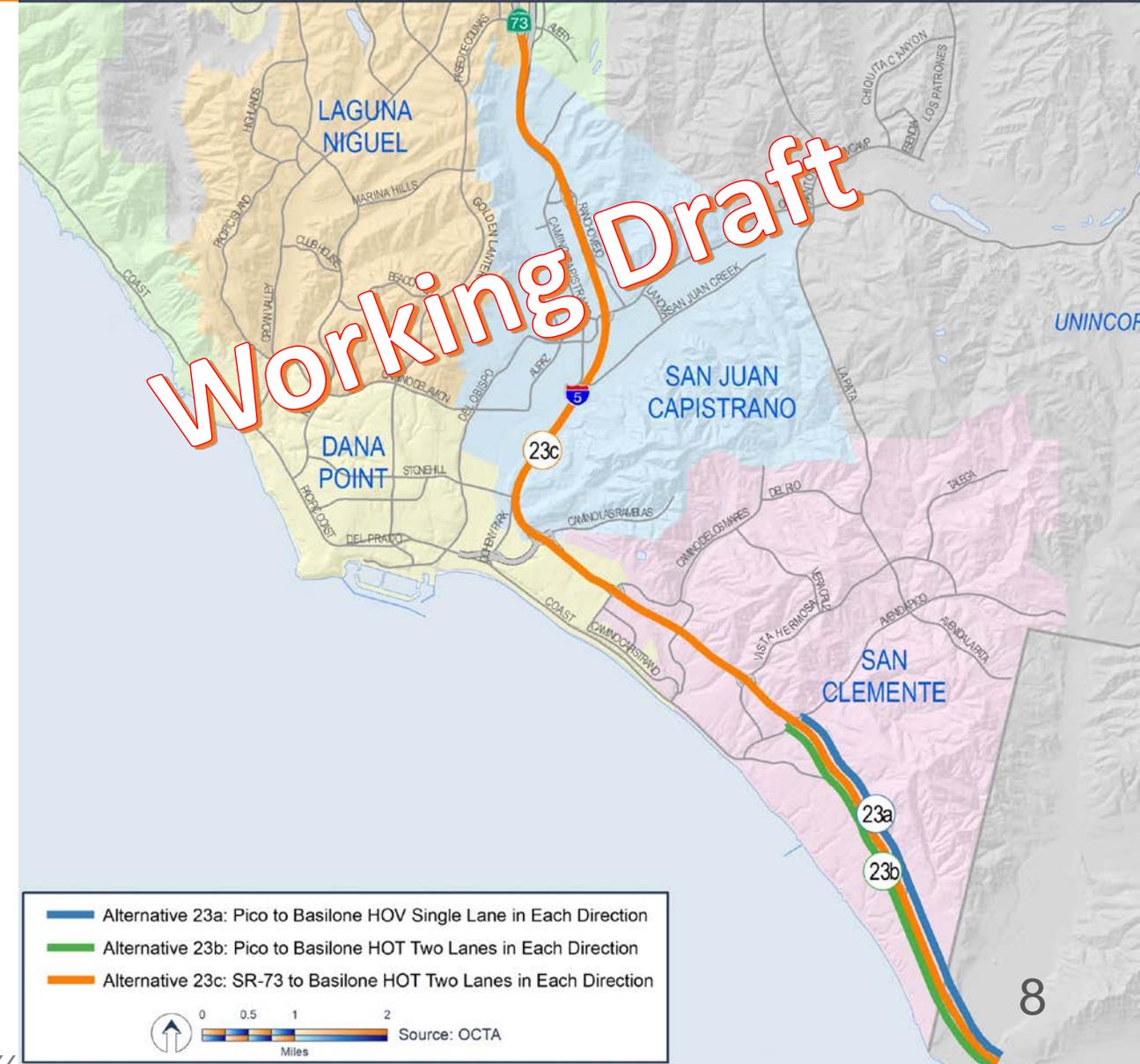


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## Draft Alternative 23:

- a) Single HOV lane in each direction from Avenida Pico into San Diego
  - Mirrors HOV extension in 2008 SOCMIS and recent PSR-PDS prepared by OCTA
- b) Dual HOT lanes in each direction from Avenida Pico into San Diego
- c) Dual HOT lanes in each direction from SR-73 into San Diego

HOV – High-Occupancy Vehicle  
SOCMIS - South Orange County Major Investment Study



# OCTA Draft Comments and Next Steps

- Submit comments on conflicts and related issues (due 12/9)
- Invite all stakeholders to participate in South Orange County Multimodal Study and focus on key principles:
  - Honor Measure M commitments
  - Consider multimodal solutions
  - Use standard practices and methods
  - Ensure transparency
  - Respect community input

