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# South Orange County I-5 Improvement Project Listening Session

Thursday, November 17, 2022



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# Meeting Overview

- Project overview
- Overseeing public agencies
- Project timeline
- Public input and participation opportunities
- Next steps



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Thank you for participating!



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# Introductions



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Tonight discussion is *NOT* a formal channel to provide feedback on the project.



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# What is the I-5 Improvement Project?

- The I-5 Improvement Project from the County Line to Avenida Pico Interchange proposes to increase person and vehicle throughput between Orange County and San Diego County.
- *Currently, there is a lack of managed/High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) connectivity in this 4.8-mile stretch of the I-5 that runs through the City of San Clemente. This project is anticipated to help address near-term South Orange County traffic relief by adding HOV lanes in both directions.*



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# Purpose of the Project

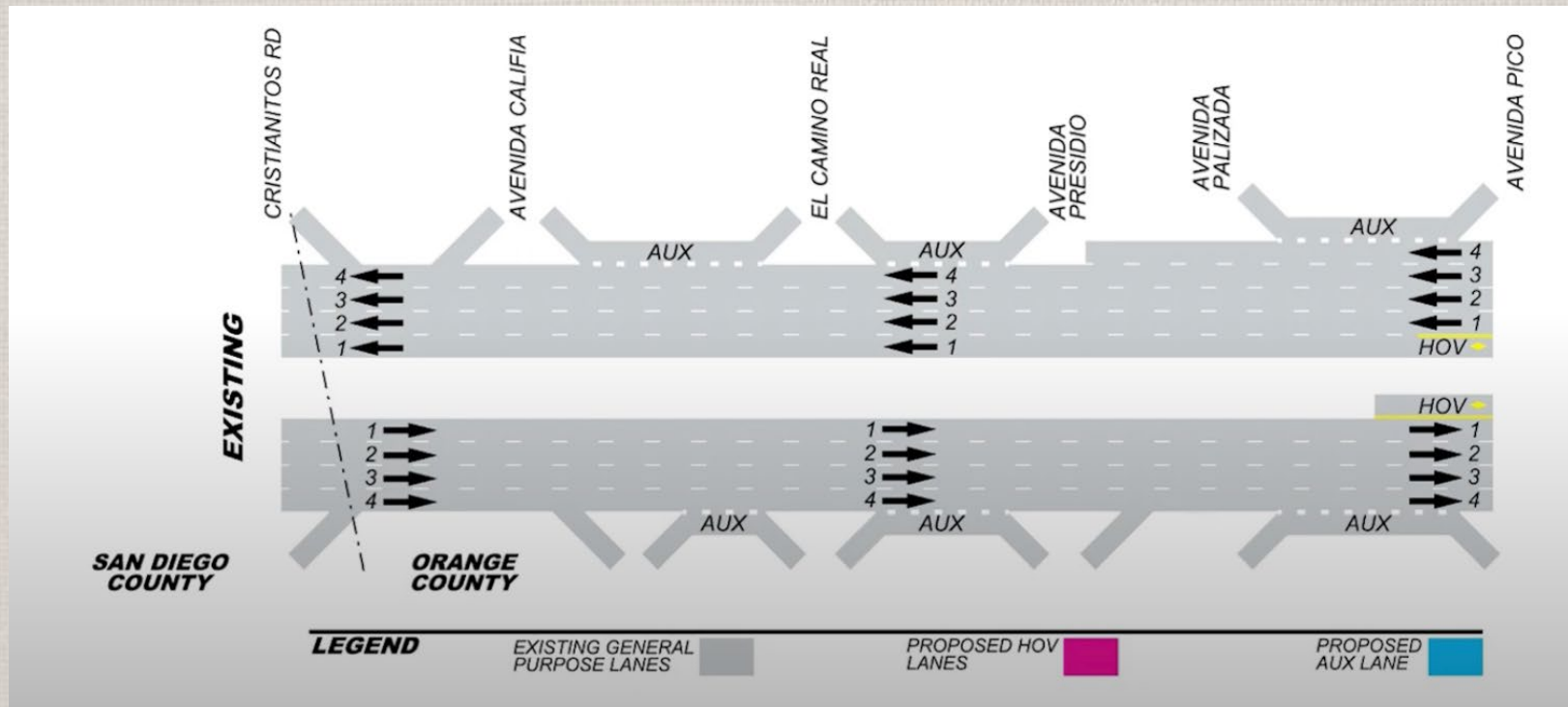
- Increase vehicle occupancy and vehicle throughput
- Improve mobility and trip reliability
- Provide inter-county and regional system connectivity
- Provide improvements to accommodate projected regional growth
- Incorporate environmentally sustainable design elements by developing efficient transportation improvements
- Provide advanced technology to meet the current and future transportation demands



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# Alternative 1 - Build Nothing



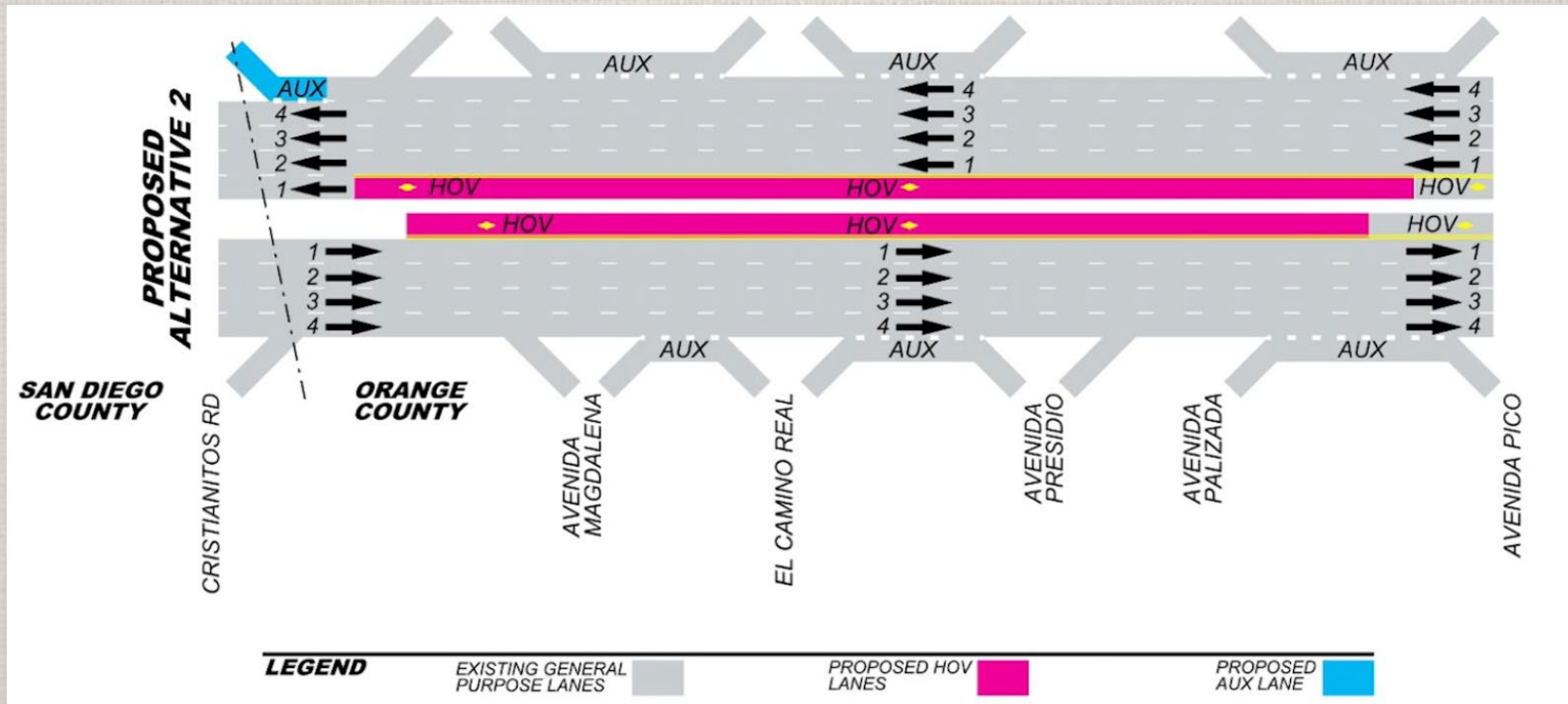




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# Alternative 2 - Extend HOV Lanes and Other Improvements





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# Which public agencies oversee this project?

- The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) are working together on this project. *Caltrans is the lead agency and OCTA is producing the preliminary engineering plans and conducting environmental studies.*



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## How is San Clemente Involved?

- The City of San Clemente is assisting OCTA and Caltrans on their outreach efforts to ensure the San Clemente community is aware of this project has an opportunity to provide feedback at various points during the planning and implementation processes.



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# Anticipated Timeline

Summer 2022: Project Scoping

**NOW:** Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Review Process

Mid-2023: Publish Draft Project Report/Environmental Document and Conduct Public Hearing



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# Anticipated Timeline

Late 2023: Publish Final Project Report & Environmental Document

Mid-2026: Begin Design (plans, specifications and estimates)

Late 2030: Begin Construction

*The Design and Construction Phases are dependent on funding.*



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# Public Input & Participation Opportunities

- Throughout the environmental process, the public will have several opportunities to provide feedback.
- Community members are encouraged to sign up for updates and alerts at: [www.octa.net/About-OCTA/Support/Get-Connected/](http://www.octa.net/About-OCTA/Support/Get-Connected/)

**Next Anticipated Public Hearing:  
Mid-2023**



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# Q&A With Your Host



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