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### **Update Regarding Slope Movement at Mariposa Bridge**

February 1, 2024... San Clemente, California.... Damaged sections of the Mariposa Bridge at the San Clemente Beach Trail have been removed, and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and Metrolink construction and project teams continue to work on the hillside near the Bridge. The hillside is continuing to move but has slowed significantly.

According to updates from OCTA, there is no timetable for passenger rail service to resume. The project team placed additional pipes and ballast to integrate with the existing culvert system to further improve water drainage from the hillside. The team is monitoring drainage and groundwater flow, especially because the topography of the area changed as a result of the landslide on private property.

In addition to continuing grading and excavation, work was performed to reestablish a culvert inlet on the inland side of the track that had been covered by landslide debris. To keep the culvert functioning, approximately 30 tons of riprap was placed to ensure proper water drainage.

With these steps, freight trains will once again be allowed to operate through the area at 10 mph in the evening. Inspections of the track and a confirmation that it is safe to proceed will occur before and after each freight train passes.

In preparation for heavy rain, a portion of the slope has been covered with plastic to minimize further saturation of the hillside. The private property owners have also placed plastic on the soil above the Metrolink/OCTA work area.

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