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OCTA Presented with Check to Support Coastal Rail Infrastructure Resiliency Project

October 25, 2024... San Clemente, California... The Orange County Transportation Authority was presented with a check Thursday for \$125 million from the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to support necessary improvement to protect a 7-mile section of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor in Orange County, including through San Clemente.

The funding, presented by CalSTA Secretary Toks Omishakin, comes from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program and will help address areas of track that are vulnerable to coastal erosion, ensuring trains continue to run safely and efficiently.

In a press release dated October 25, 2024, CalSTA described the funding as follows: "\$125 million awarded to Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Resiliency Project to implement improvements, including sand replenishment, at four locations along a 7-mile coastal section within the OCTA-owned Orange Subdivision of the 351-mile Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor that are at high risk of failure. Over the past 3 years, there has been a cumulative total of over 12 months of closures in this section of the corridor due to extensive railroad track movement and slope instability. The TIRCP-funded improvements will safeguard the reliability and resiliency of the railroad at least for the next 30 years. TIRCP funding is matched with \$80 million of Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funding awarded by the California Transportation Commission last week, and it is expected to attract additional federal funding for this nationally important rail corridor."

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