

OC Connect Garden Grove – Santa Ana Rails to Trails



- Environmental clearance expected to be complete in 2025
- Total project cost: To Be Determined

The project will build a Class I active transportation facility along 3.1 miles of former Pacific Electric corridor (now Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)-owned) and 0.85 miles of the Wintersburg Channel. This corridor links two downtowns to one another and to the Santa Ana River Trail, part of the 66-mile Class I OC Loop bikeway (88 percent complete). The OC Loop connects to beaches, 200 parks, 180 schools, three Metrolink stations and 17 cities.

Benefits

The OC Connect Garden Grove – Santa Ana Rails-to-Trails gap closure will increase the use of active transportation travel modes, provide a zero-emission transportation option, enhance safety and mobility for non-motorized users, and facilitate active travel away from high-speed and high-volume vehicular traffic.

The project will also result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and improved air quality and public health in communities with higher-than-average rates of asthma and cardiovascular disease.

The project is expected to be environmentally cleared in 2025. OCTA will work with local partners to design and implement the project which could be open for use in 2030.



Phase of Work	Fund Source	Cost
Environmental	Active Transportation Program, Equitable Community Revitalization Grant	\$3.350 million
Design	State Transportation Improvement Program, Federal Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD), and Related Agencies (THUD)	\$4.650 million
Construction	Unfunded	TBD

