

South County Traffic Relief Effort Update and Next Steps

Overview



- 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**
 - **Comment period ended in February 2020**
 - **TCA action in March 2020**

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



- 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 Parkway to El Toro Road 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

Scoping Period Comments

- Conflicts with Measure M2 freeway program and other public projects
- Concerns with potential community, open space, and preserved land impacts
- Objections to tolling freeway carpool lanes and arterial roadways
- Opposition to a toll road extension to I-5
- General support for shifting traffic eastward on a new arterial roadway (Los Patrones Parkway extension)
- Request to defer current and future studies to OCTA
- Other more detailed comments

Agreed Upon Next Steps

- Prepare a project development plan for a non-tolled extension to Los Patrones Parkway
- Advance funding for final design for the widening of Ortega Highway
- Advance funding for the environmental process for I-5 HOV lane improvements
- Defer longer solutions to the South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study

