

What is the Oso Parkway Bridge Project?

The Oso Parkway Bridge (OPB) Project will provide improved access to Los Patrones Parkway, help close a gap in the mainline roadway system and improve mobility access for the arterial network in South Orange County. The future bridge will contain six lanes (three in each direction), sidewalks and bike lanes for public use, thus improving pedestrian access to Tesoro High School and provide a more efficient connection to and from Los Patrones Parkway (LPP) and SR-241. The OPB Project will support existing, planned and approved development in South Orange County by providing transportation infrastructure identified in regional, County and local plans.

Who is in charge of this project?

The Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) is funding the \$30 million Oso Parkway Bridge Project with regulatory oversight from OC Public Works (OCPW) and Caltrans District 12.

What is the County of Orange's role in this project?

OCPW provided design review services and will also provide construction advertisement, award and administration services. As part of those services, the OBP Project will be publicly bid by OCPW and the Orange County Board of Supervisors will recommend a construction contract award to the lowest responsible bidder.

What is the construction schedule?

Public advertisement of the OBP Project construction phase began in late January 2018. Construction award is scheduled for Spring 2018 with construction expected to last for approximately two years with a tentative completion planned for 2020.

Was there an environmental process that was followed?

The OPB Project followed the proper environmental process and received all of the necessary certifications. The County of Orange, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), determined and adopted the following environmental documents:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) 589 for The Ranch Plan, circulated for public review from June 10, 2004 to August 9, 2004; the EIR was approved on November 8, 2004
- EIR 584, which evaluated a reduced Ranch Plan development area, circulated for public review from July 14, 2006 to September 11, 2006; the EIR was approved on October 24, 2006
- The Project Report was approved in June 2016
- Initial Study No. IP 15-252 (Addendum to EIR Nos. 584 & 589) was administratively approved on June 10, 2016; Notice of Determination was filed on June 10, 2016

When the project is complete will the public be able to travel on it for free?

The OPB Project extends across two jurisdictional boundaries. Caltrans has existing jurisdiction over the OBP Project site beginning along the southern edge of Oso Parkway and extending north along SR-241. The County will have jurisdiction from the southern edge of Oso Parkway and south along LPP. Oso Parkway will remain a free County arterial. Separately, TCA is undertaking a study to evaluate numerous South County mobility improvement ideas, which would require additional steps prior to implementation. If you are interested in learning potential more about processes regarding toll road facilities please contact www.thetollroads.com/about/projects.

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