



General Project

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OC Public Works

What is the La Pata Extension project?

The Orange County (OC) Public Works Department will construct the following roadway improvements:

- ▶ **La Pata Gap Connector (Initial Phase):** Four new travel lanes will extend the existing La Pata Avenue from just south of Vista Montana in the City of San Juan Capistrano to the intersection of Calle Saluda in the City of San Clemente, approximately 2.27 miles.
- ▶ **La Pata Widening (Subsequent Phase):** The existing La Pata Avenue will be widened with one additional lane in each direction, including a bicycle lane, between Ortega Highway (north end) and just south of Vista Montana, approximately 1.36 miles.
- ▶ **Camino Del Rio Extension (Subsequent Phase):** The existing road will be extended as a four-lane roadway from its existing terminus in the City of San Clemente to the newly extended La Pata Avenue, approximately .50 miles.

What is the project construction schedule?

The La Pata Gap Connector phase is expected to begin Spring 2014 and be completed Fall 2016. The La Pata Widening and Camino Del Rio phases will follow the connector completion.*

**Project schedule is subject to change based upon field conditions and uncontrollable factors such as weather.*

What are the project benefits?

The La Pata Extension project will:

- ▶ Provide an alternate north-south connector to Interstate 5, benefiting regional mobility for the County.
- ▶ Improve mobility in South County by eliminating the existing gap between Ortega Highway to the north and Avenida Vista Hermosa in the south.
- ▶ Provide direct local connections between the communities of San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Rancho Mission Viejo, Mission Viejo, Ladera Ranch, and Las Flores. The communities will enjoy improved access to local amenities including schools, shops, parks, and other recreational facilities.
- ▶ Enhance opportunity for improved emergency response and/or evacuations.

What can I expect during construction?

The community surrounding the project can expect to see earthmoving equipment typical of many construction sites and may experience odors, noise, vibrations, dust and potential traffic delays.

What is being done to address construction issues?

Work areas will be marked and controls will be in place to minimize noise, dust, odor and any other impacts during the entire construction period.

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A portion of the Prima Deshecha Landfill is located where the new La Pata Avenue road will be constructed. What can I expect?

During the first stages of the project, crews will begin excavating refuse from the Landfill in the northern most portion of the project area. The County is preparing for possible intermittent, noticeable odors in and around the surrounding community. Odor control measures are already in place and additional measures will be implemented, as warranted. *(For more information regarding odor control measures, please refer to the Odor Control Measures exhibit).*

What is an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and where can I review the one for this project?

An EIR addresses environmental impacts and issues associated with the Project. The EIR and Addendum prepared for this project are available at the County of Orange Public Works Department and under the environmental section of the Project website: LaPata.ocpublicworks.com

How can I get more information about this project?

The County has established a public information/community outreach team to provide information to the public and to answer questions during construction. Prior to beginning construction, OC Public Works will host two public meetings (once construction is underway, OC Public Works will hold additional meetings as needed).

We invite you to stay informed through:


- ▶ Project website: LaPata.ocpublicworks.com
Visit the website to sign up and receive the project news.
- ▶ Project hotline number: **844-4-LAPATA (452-7282)**
- ▶ Project email: LaPata@ocpw.ocgov.com
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