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ACE Construction Authority breaks ground on Fullerton grade separation

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The Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority broke ground on its 16th grade separation project Sept. 16.

Federal, state and local officials broke ground on the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project, which is part of [ACE Construction Authority's](#) larger effort to reduce congestion and enhance safety due to increased rail traffic. The \$145.6-million Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project will lower Fullerton Road under the existing Union Pacific railroad tracks in the city of Industry, Calif., and an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, between Rowland Street and State Route 60.

Plans call for constructing a six-lane roadway underpass on Fullerton Road, four-track railroad bridge and bridge for Railroad Street spanning Fullerton Road. Gale Avenue would be lowered at the intersection with Fullerton Road.

This location currently sees 49 daily trains, projected to increase to 91 trains per day by 2025. Fullerton Road carries 23,716 vehicles per day, which is projected to increase to 25,315 vehicles by 2025. Once complete in 2019, the grade separation will reduce an estimated 50.4 vehicle hours of delay each day. Delays for emergency responders and crossing collisions, of which the Federal Railroad Administration has recorded two train versus vehicle collisions at this crossing in the past 10 years, would be eliminated.

The project received the final \$53.3 million needed to fully fund construction from the [California Transportation Commission in December 2015](#) and a contract for the work was awarded to Shimmick Construction Company in March 2016.