



# San Gabriel Valley Officials Celebrate 1.4 mile Railway Trench

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A 1.4-mile railroad trench in eastern Los Angeles County that officially opened Monday will improve traffic and safety in the city of San Gabriel, according to officials.

The 30-foot-deep, 65-foot-wide San Gabriel Trench is spanned by four newly constructed roadway bridges and was completed following four years of construction. The \$293.7 million project is the largest in the \$1.7 billion Alameda Corridor-East program of 19 roadway-rail grade separations.

"The San Gabriel community and region is celebrating the dedication of the San Gabriel Trench project," said San Gabriel Councilwoman Juli Costanzo, chair of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments overseeing the ACE program.

"The trench eliminates crossing delays for nearly 90,000 motorists every day, improves safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, eliminates locomotive horns and crossing bells and allows our emergency responders to respond more quickly to calls on both sides of the tracks," she said.

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"The federal government must continue to provide the resources needed to invest in freight infrastructure to support American competitiveness in global markets while also mitigating the community impacts of nationally significant goods movement in Southern California," said Rep. Judy Chu, D-Pasadena. "I am proud to champion the ACE projects and the San Gabriel Trench in Congress."

Officials with the project said it was delivered on time and under budget, with cost savings totaling nearly \$99 million in state bond funds reprogrammed to other ACE projects in the San Gabriel Valley. With the dedication of the trench project, a total of 14 of the 19 grade separations in the ACE program have been completed.

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