



TCA FACTSHEET

ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AGENCIES

The **Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA)** is a not-for-profit government agency created by the state legislature in 1986 to plan, finance, design, construct and operate The Toll Roads. The Toll Roads are made up of State Routes 73, 133, 241 and 261 which form the largest network of toll roads in the state.

These roads were originally planned as freeways; however, the state did not have the funds to construct them. The tolls collected are used to pay back the bonds sold to finance the roads. The roads have been deeded to Caltrans and are part of the state highway system. When the bonds are paid off, the roads will become freeways.

Under this successful model, Orange County has provided the state of California with \$3 billion in new infrastructure during the past 20 years. To date, 51 miles of the system are open to the public and comprise 20 percent of the county's freeways.

TCA is governed by two Boards of Directors comprised of city and county elected officials. It's roadways are part of the regional transportation plans for the Southern California Association of Governments, San Diego Association of Governments and Orange County Transportation Authority.

ABOUT THE TOLL ROADS

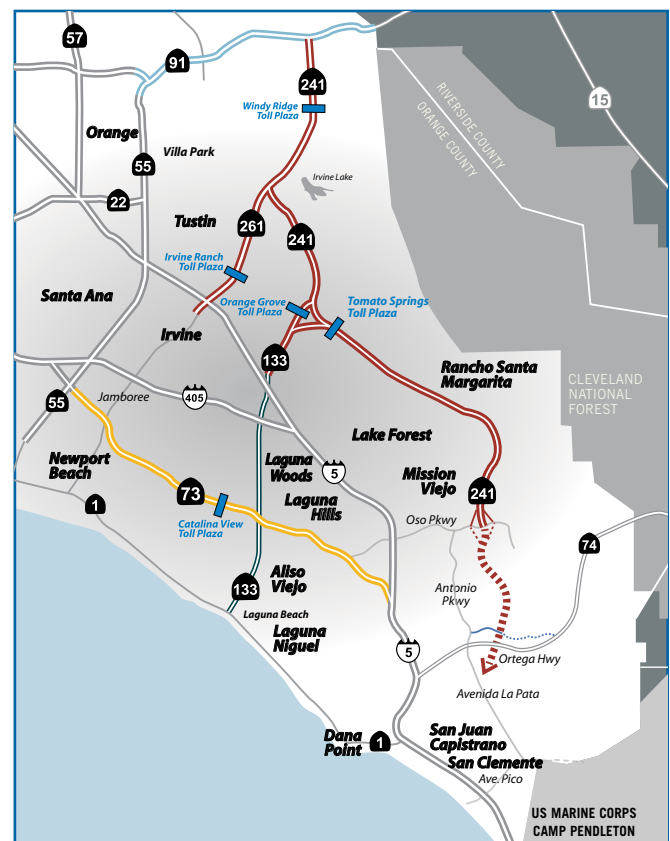
The **State Route 73 Toll Road** spans 15 miles in South Orange County from Newport Beach to San Juan Capistrano. Since opening to motorists in 1996, it has served as an alternative route to the notoriously clogged Interstates 5 and 405.



The **State Route 133, 241 and 261 Toll Roads** span 36 miles in inland South Orange County from the 91 Freeway near the Riverside border to Tustin via the 261 Toll Road; Irvine via the 133 Toll Road; and Rancho Santa Margarita via the 241 Toll Road. The roads serve as critical alternative routes to the congested Interstate 5 and 55 Freeway. The Toll Roads are owned by the state of California and maintained by Caltrans.

QUICK FACTS

- 20 percent of Orange County's freeway system
- 51-mile system is largest toll road network in California
- 128 high-speed lanes with open-road tolling
- 265,000 transactions daily
- 83 million tolls are collected yearly
- \$292 million in annual revenue





ABOUT PAYING TOLLS

All tolls on The Toll Roads are collected electronically.

With five ways to pay tolls (FasTrak®, three ExpressAccount® types and the One-Time-Toll® payment option), there's a custom payment option that will work for every driver -- no matter their method of payment, when they want to pay their toll and how much of California they intend to explore.



COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

TCA has a long and proud history of protecting the environment. Its extensive environmental programs developed with the construction of The Toll Roads represent the most progressive approaches in habitat conservation, revegetation and management; scientific study and planning; endangered species protection; and greenhouse gas reduction.



To date, more than 2,100 acres have been preserved and set aside as permanent open space.

TCA has made a lasting commitment to the environment and has been praised for its outstanding environmental conservation and habitat restoration:

- Received the **Environmental Excellence Award** from the Federal Highway Administration for work in restoring the Coyote Canyon/Bonita Creek wildlife corridor.
- Received the **Focused Issue Planning Award** from the American Planning Association (APA) Orange Section for contributions to the Natural Community Conservation Plan and Habitat Conservation Plan for the county of Orange.
- Received the **California Chapter of the American Planning Association's Award of Merit** for focused-issue planning from the county of Orange, for contributions to the Natural Community Conservation Plan and Habitat Conservation Plan for the central and coastal subregion.
- Received the **Innovative Transportation Solutions Award** from the WTS-OC Chapter for the State Route (SR) 241 Wildlife Protection Fence Project. WTS is an international organization dedicated to advancing women in transportation through networking, seminars, access to top transportation professionals and mentoring.
- Received the **Outstanding Achievement Award** for the completed State Route 241 Wildlife Safety Fence Project from the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP). AEP is an association of environmental professionals dedicated to the professional development of its members and the relationships they build with others in the environmental planning industry.



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