

= California State Route 133 =

State Route 133 (SR 133) is a state highway in the U.S. state of California . It connects SR 1 in Laguna Beach through the San Joaquin Hills with several freeways in Irvine , ending at the SR 241 toll road in the latter city . The portion north of SR 73 in Laguna Beach is part of the California Freeway and Expressway System , and it is built as an expressway from SR 73 to Laguna Canyon Road (just south of I @-@ 405 in Irvine) . SR 133 is a freeway (the Laguna Freeway) to I @-@ 5 , and a tollway (part of the Eastern Toll Road) to SR 241 near the Santa Ana Mountains .

SR 133 was constructed as a county road by the 1910s ; the portion from I @-@ 405 to I @-@ 5 was upgraded to a freeway four decades later . Plans to extend the freeway south were canceled by the state , and the southern part of the road remains an undivided highway . In 1998 , the majority of the Eastern Transportation Corridor opened , and the connector between I @-@ 5 and SR 241 was designated as a toll extension of SR 133 .

= = Route description = =

State Route 133 begins at the Pacific Coast Highway (SR 1) as Broadway in Laguna Beach , a block from the Pacific Ocean . The name changes to Laguna Canyon Road as the highway leaves downtown Laguna Beach and enters Laguna Canyon , soon narrowing to one lane in each direction . After entering the canyon , which lies between Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (west side of SR 133) and Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park (east side of SR 133) , the first major intersection is with El Toro Road (County Route S18) . SR 133 widens to four lanes and becomes a highway after its interchange with the San Joaquin Hills Toll Road (SR 73) .

As it continues through the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park , SR 133 follows a four @-@ lane alignment on the west side of the canyon , moved from the old two @-@ lane road in the center of the canyon in late 2006 . Laguna Canyon Road splits to the northwest where the canyon ends in Irvine . North of the park , the highway becomes the Laguna Freeway after crossing an at @-@ grade intersection with Laguna Canyon Road , followed by an interchange at exit 8 , San Diego Freeway (I @-@ 405) . SR 133 then continues as a freeway and serves Barranca Parkway and the Santa Ana Freeway (I @-@ 5) . After crossing I @-@ 5 , SR 133 becomes part of the Eastern Toll Road along the northwest side of Marine Corps Air Station El Toro , crossing an interchange with Irvine Boulevard at exit 12 before ending at SR 241 .

= = History = =

As part of its construction of concrete roads , started by a 1913 bond issue , Orange County paved the county road through Laguna Canyon , connecting State Highway Route 2 (the forerunner of U.S. Hwy . 101 and I @-@ 5) at Irvine with Laguna Beach , by 1917 . The road was added to the state highway system in 1933 as Route 185 , an unsigned designation . The entire route was added to the new California Freeway and Expressway System in 1959 ; the planned upgrade had already been named the Laguna Freeway by the California Highway Commission on November 26 , 1957 . The highway received a sign route number ? State Route 133 ? in the 1964 renumbering .

Opening of the first ? and only ? piece of the Laguna Freeway was celebrated in Laguna Beach on October 1 , 1952 , connecting the north end of Laguna Canyon with a planned extension of the Santa Ana Freeway at a trumpet interchange and bypassing the old route on Sand Canyon Avenue . There were initially no other interchanges along the route . The state decided not to build the remainder of the freeway in late 1975 , and in 1996 the portion south of SR 73 was removed from the Freeway and Expressway System . Widening of the part north of SR 73 to a four @-@ lane expressway was completed in late 2006 , moving the road out of the canyon bottom and allowing better access to areas in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park .

A new State Route 231 was added to the state highway system in 1988 , connecting I @-@ 5 northwest of Irvine with SR 91 , and in 1991 the south end was shifted southeast to the north end of SR 133 , with the old route becoming SR 261 . To prevent the route from changing numbers as it

crossed I @-@ 5 , the southern portion was renumbered SR 133 in 1996 , with the remainder becoming an extended SR 241 . The Eastern Transportation Corridor , which includes SR 133 north of I @-@ 5 , was completed on October 15 , 1998 , opening a new shortcut from Orange County to the northeast .

= = Tolls = =

The toll portion of SR 133 employs a barrier toll system , where drivers are charged flat @-@ rate tolls based on what particular toll booths they pass through . Tolls are collected at selected on- and off @-@ ramps ; and at the Orange Grove Toll Plaza , which spans the on @-@ and off @-@ ramps to Northbound SR 241 (traffic to and from Southbound SR 241 instead pay at the Tomato Springs Toll Plaza located on SR 241 immediately south of the 133 / 241 interchange) .

Since May 13 , 2014 , the road has been using an all @-@ electronic , open road tolling system ; cash is no longer being accepted . Drivers may pay using the FasTrak electronic toll collection system , license plate tolling (under Transportation Corridor Agencies 's brand name " ExpressAccount ") , or via a one time payment online . Those using Fastrak are charged a lower toll than those using the other two methods . Drivers must pay within 5 days after their trip on the toll road or they will accessed a toll violation .

The following table lists the tolls at each of the tolled exits for passenger cars and other two @-@ axle vehicles (as of July 1 , 2015) . Vehicles with more than two axles pay a higher toll at the Orange Grove Toll Plaza .

= = Major intersections = =

Except where prefixed with a letter , postmiles were measured on the road as it was in 1964 , based on the alignment that existed at the time , and do not necessarily reflect current mileage . R reflects a realignment in the route since then , M indicates a second realignment , L refers an overlap due to a correction or change , and T indicates postmiles classified as temporary (for a full list of prefixes , see the list of postmile definitions) . Segments that remain unconstructed or have been relinquished to local control may be omitted . The entire route is in Orange County .