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Nogales Street underpass opens in Rowland Heights, with Union Pacific trains riding overhead bridge

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Federal, state, and local officials gathered Friday for a ceremony celebrating the opening of a six-lane roadway underpass at a once-hazardous and congested railroad crossing at Nogales Street north of the 60 Freeway in Rowland Heights. Walt Mancini/Staff Photographer
After more than three years of planning, construction and road closures, the six-lane roadway underpass at Nogales Street in Rowland Heights opened Friday.

- **Photos:** [Nogales Street underpass opens](#)

Federal, state and local officials cheered as a Foothill Transit bus drove through the \$118.2 million underpass built by the Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority, as a Union Pacific freight train passed overhead on the new railroad bridge.

The opening marked the first grade separation of the busy traffic and railroad corridor located north of the 60 Freeway, between San Jose Avenue and Gale Avenue. The intersection produced 10 crossing collisions in the decade prior to construction. More

than 40 freight trains rumbled through the intersection every day, joined by about 12 Metrolink commuter trains.

• **Video:** [Officials discuss the Nogales Street underpass during ceremony](#)

“The Nogales Street project eliminates the potential for train-vehicle collisions, delays for emergency responders, locomotive horn noise and reduces emissions,” said Montebello Councilman Jack Hadjinian, chair of the ACE Construction Authority Board of Directors.

The project was ranked No. 5 in the state for grade separation priority, according to ACE.

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