

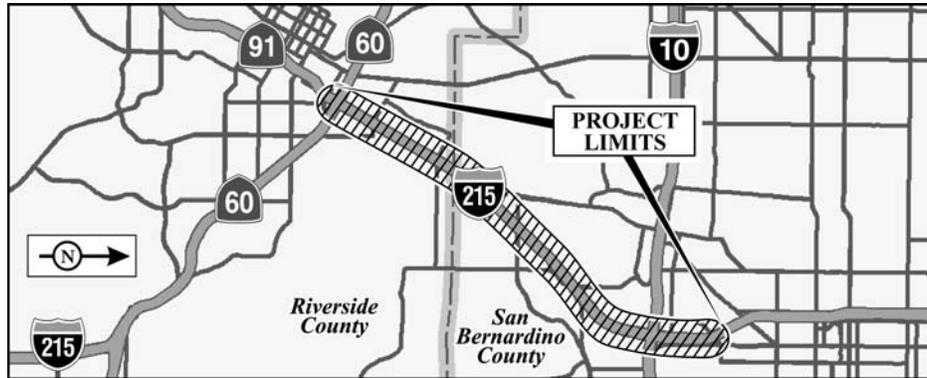


PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Study Results Available Announcement of Public Hearing



Interstate 215 (I-215) Bi-County High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Gap Closure Project



<p>WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?</p>	<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), proposes to construct a high-occupancy vehicle lane in each direction on Interstate 215 in Riverside County from south of the I-215/State Route 60/State Route 91 interchange to north of I-215/I-10 in San Bernardino County, ending at the Orange Show Road interchange. The total length of the proposed project is 7.5 miles. The HOV lanes would be constructed within the existing median, with minimal widening within current right-of-way. The widening would require improvements to on- and off-ramps along the corridor, with a reduction in the lengths of some acceleration and deceleration lanes as well as reconstruction of two railroad bridges and I-215 bridges over railroad tracks, I-10, and the Santa Ana River. The proposed work would encroach upon wetlands and floodplains, and all practical measures are being taken to minimize harm to wetlands and floodplains.</p>
<p>WHY THIS AD?</p>	<p>Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and of its availability for you to read. A public hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans staff before the final design is selected. The tentative schedule for the purchase of land for right-of-way and construction will also be discussed. Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform with the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. A detailed PM2.5 and PM10 hot-spot analysis was prepared as required by 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). The project is expected to reduce the severity and number of localized PM2.5 and PM10 violations in the project area. Comments are requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.</p>
<p>WHAT'S AVAILABLE?</p>	<p>Maps for the Draft IS/Proposed MND and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 8 Office, 464 W. Fourth St., San Bernardino, during normal business hours. The Draft IS/Proposed MND also is available for review during normal business hours at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ San Bernardino Associated Governments, 1170 W. Third St., 2nd Floor, San Bernardino ▪ San Bernardino County Library, 104 W. Fourth St., San Bernardino ▪ San Bernardino City Hall, 300 N. D St., San Bernardino ▪ Colton Public Library, 656 N. Ninth St., Colton ▪ Colton City Hall, 650 N. La Cadena Dr., Colton ▪ Grand Terrace Branch Library, 22795 Barton Rd., Grand Terrace ▪ Grand Terrace City Hall, 22795 Barton Rd., Grand Terrace ▪ Riverside County Library, 3392 Durahart St. #A, Riverside ▪ Riverside City Hall, 3900 Main St., Riverside ▪ Riverside County Transportation Commission, 4080 Lemon St., Third Floor, Riverside
<p>WHERE YOU COME IN</p>	<p>Do you have any comments about processing the project with a Draft IS/Proposed MND? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Draft IS/Proposed MND? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than 5 pm, January 4, 2011 to Shelli Lombardo, California Department of Transportation, District 8, Public Affairs, 464 W. Fourth St., Mail Station 1247, San Bernardino, CA 92401 or via e-mail to shelli.lombardo@dot.ca.gov. For email comments, please include "I-215 Bi-County" in the subject line. The date we will begin accepting comments is December 2, 2010. If there are no major comments, Caltrans, in cooperation with SANBAG and RCTC will proceed with the project's design.</p>
<p>WHEN AND WHERE?</p>	<p>The public hearing, in an open house format, will be held Dec. 13, 2010, 4-7 pm, at Grand Terrace Elementary School, 12066 Vivienda Ave., Grand Terrace, CA.</p>
<p>CONTACT/SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS</p>	<p>Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (866) 383-4631. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 711 and ask to be connected to (866) 383-4631 at least three days prior to the public meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EA 0M9400 #0800000506</p>