



# STATE ROUTE 210 BASE LINE INTERCHANGE PROJECT



California Department of Transportation

San Bernardino County, California

District 8 — SBd — SR210 — Post Miles R28.3 to R30.3

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## Proposed Project Overview

San Bernardino Associated Governments, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation and the City of Highland, is proposing improvements to the State Route 210/Base Line Interchange in Highland.

The project proposes to widen Base Line from Buckeye Street to Seine Avenue. In addition, the project would:

- Widen the eastbound and westbound on-ramps to three lanes
- Create a two-lane exit at the westbound off-ramp

- Widen the existing Base Line overcrossing to accommodate new lanes
- Build retaining walls, as needed, in areas of widening
- Rehabilitate pavement, as needed, improve drainage, and install ramp meters at on-ramps
- Replace existing landscaping

The majority of work would occur in the existing Caltrans and City right of way. Limited right of way would be needed along Base Line to accommodate the road widening, as well as temporary construction easements.

## Estimated Project Costs, Anticipated Funding Sources

The proposed project is included in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Amendment No. 2 to the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), which was approved by SCAG in September 2014. This document was originally adopted by SCAG in April 2012 and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in June 2012.

The proposed project also is included in the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, adopted by SCAG in September 2014 and approved by the FHWA in December 2014.

The approximate cost for the build alternative is \$16 million.

Project costs are anticipated to be funded by local sources. Local funding is expected from Measure I, the half-cent sales tax collected in San Bernardino County for transportation improvements, and from City of Highland funds.

## Analysis of Proposed Project Alternatives

A variety of studies were conducted to determine the effects of the proposed project on the environment. The studies show that the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment, and these findings are included in a report called an Initial Study. The Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared and is available for public and agency review.

The proposed project alternatives were analyzed on an equal basis in the technical studies. One Build Alternative (Alternative 1) and one No-Build Alternative (Alternative 2) have been studied.

**Alternative 1** — A description is provided in the “Proposed Project Overview” section at left. This is the only build alternative that was studied.

**Alternative 2 (No Build)** — Under the No Build Alternative, Base Line

would not be widened through the SR-210 interchange. Alternative 2 provides a basis for comparing impacts with the Build Alternative. It is used to compare the relative impacts and benefits of the proposed project improvements, but would not meet the identified purpose and need.

### Purpose and Need

The proposed project is designed to reduce traffic congestion and improve operations at this interchange. This area of San Bernardino County has grown significantly over the past 10 years and is experiencing continued population and employment growth, with commercial and residential development occurring along Base Line near SR-210. This corridor is an important element of the City’s traffic circulation system.

### For More Information

For more information about the proposed SR-210 Base Line Interchange Project, contact SANBAG Chief, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs Tim Watkins at 909-884-8276 or via email at [twatkins@sanbag.ca.gov](mailto:twatkins@sanbag.ca.gov).

Information about the proposed project is available from the SANBAG website:

[http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/projects/interchange\\_210BaseLine.html](http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/projects/interchange_210BaseLine.html)

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## Anticipated Schedule

- **MAY 9, 2016**  
Draft Environmental Document Public Circulation Starts
- **MAY 25, 2016**  
Public Hearing; Public Comment Period to Close June 7, 2016
- **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016**  
Completion and Approval of Final Environmental Document (Project Approved)
- **SPRING 2018**  
Anticipated Completion of Final Design and Right of Way Acquisition
- **FALL 2018**  
Anticipated Start of Construction
- **FALL 2020**  
Anticipated End of Construction; New Interchange Opens

Note: Anticipated schedule dates are estimated and subject to change.

