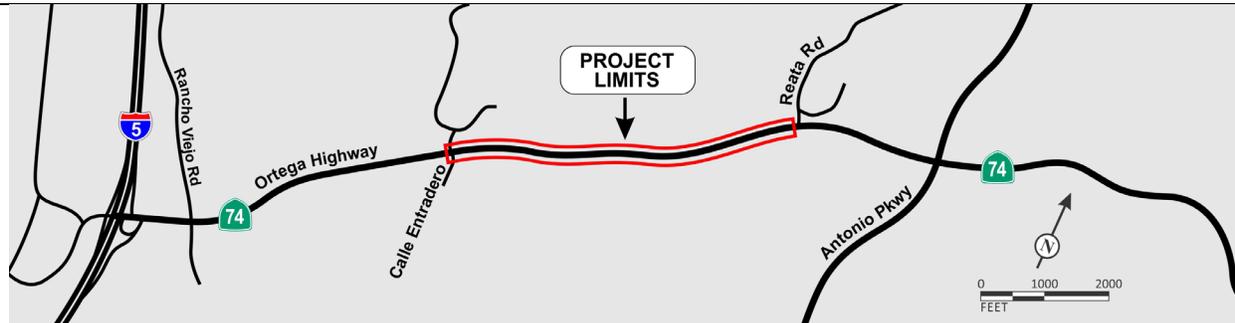




PUBLIC NOTICE

State Route 74 Lower Ortega Highway Widening Project Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment Study Results Available Announcement of Public Hearing (Open House Format)



<p>WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?</p>	<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to widen State Route 74 (SR-74), also known as Ortega Highway in the City of San Juan Capistrano (City) and unincorporated Orange County (County). The total length of the project is 1.1 miles (mi). The project proposes to widen SR-74 from two lanes to four lanes from Calle Entradero (Post Mile [PM] 1.0) to 150 feet (ft) east of the City/County boundary (PM 1.9) with restriping from 150 ft east of the City/County boundary to Reata Road (PM 2.1). The project will provide one additional 12 ft lane in each direction, and a 12 ft painted median at the western portion within the project limits. In addition, a paved 5 ft and 8 ft shoulder will be provided on each side of the roadway to accommodate Class II (striped on-road) bicycle facilities. The shoulder will be 8 ft wide from Avenida Siega to the City/County boundary limits to merge with the completed county portion. The proposed work may affect a historic property eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Caltrans is evaluating alternatives to determine if the project can avoid adversely affecting the property or, if not, if adequate mitigation measures can be incorporated into the project plans.</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. The report that explains why it is called an Environmental Assessment (EA). This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the EA and of its availability for your review. A public hearing (open house format) 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 be discussed.</p>
<p>WHAT'S AVAILABLE</p>	<p>Maps for the EA and other project information are available for review and copying (for a fee) at the Caltrans District 12 Office, 1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705, on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The EA is also available for review at the following locations during normal business hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Juan Capistrano Regional Library, 31495 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 • City of Mission Viejo Library, 100 Civic Center, Mission Viejo, CA 92691 • Lakeside Library, 32593 Riverside Dr., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 • City of San Clemente Public Library, 242 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente, CA 92672 <p>In addition, the documents are available online at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/d12/DEA/74/08692 (web address is case-sensitive, use capital letters as indicated)</p>
<p>WHERE YOU COME IN</p>	<p>Do you have any comments about processing the project with the EA? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the EA? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than 5:00 p.m., July 17, 2019, to Carmen Lo, Associate Environmental Planner, Caltrans District 12, Division of Environmental Analysis, 1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705, or via e-mail to D12.LowerSR74@dot.ca.gov. The date we will begin accepting comments is June 3, 2019. If there are no major objections, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.</p>
<p>WHEN & WHERE?</p>	<p>A public hearing (open house format) will be held:</p> <p>Date: June 25, 2019 Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Place: Kinoshita Elementary School located at 2 Via Positiva, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675</p> <p>Served by: San Juan Capistrano Transit Buses, OCTA Routes 91 and 90</p>
<p>CONTACT</p>	<p>Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 12 Design Division (or Public Affairs Office) at (657) 328-6000 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1 (800) 735-2929 or voice line at 1 (800) 735-2922. For more information about this study or any other transportation matter, call Elizabeth Manzo at District 12's Public Information Office at (657) 328-6621 or e-mail at Elizabeth.Manzo@dot.ca.gov.</p>