State Route 74 (SR-74) Lower Ortega Highway Widening

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
DISTRICT 12 – ORA – 74 (PM 1.0/2.1)
City of San Juan Capistrano and Unincorporated Orange County,

EA 086920/EFIS 1200000051

Environmental Assessment

Prepared by the
State of California, Department of Transportation

The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

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General Information about This Document

What's in this document:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has prepared this Environmental Assessment (EA), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed project located in Orange County, California. The document tells you why the project is being proposed, what alternatives we have considered for the project, how the existing environment could be affected by the project, the potential impacts of each of the alternatives, and the proposed avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures.

What should you do:
• Please read the document.
• Additional copies of this document and the related technical studies are available for review at the following locations:
  o Caltrans District 12 office
    1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100
    Santa Ana, California 92705
  o San Juan Capistrano Regional Library
    31495 El Camino Real
    San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
  o City of Mission Viejo Library
    100 Civic Center
    Mission Viejo, CA 92691
  o Lakeside Library
    32593 Riverside Drive
    Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
  o City of San Clemente Public Library
    242 Avenida Del Mar
    San Clemente, CA 92672

  Additionally, this document can be downloaded at the following website:
  http://www.dot.ca.gov/d12/DEA/74/08692

  • Attend the Public Hearing (open house format) scheduled on June 25, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Kinoshita Elementary School located at 2 Via Positiva, San Juan Capistrano, California 92675.
  • We'd like to hear what you think. If you have any comments about the proposed project, please attend the public meeting and/or send your written comments to Caltrans by the deadline.
• Send comments via postal mail to:
  Caltrans District 12, Division of Environmental Analysis
  1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100
  Santa Ana, CA 92705
  Attn: Carmen Lo

• Send comments via email to:
  D12.LowerSR74@dot.ca.gov

• Be sure to send comments by the deadline: July 17, 2019

**What happens next:**
After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, Caltrans, as assigned by the FHWA, may: (1) give environmental approval to the proposed project, (2) do additional environmental studies, or (3) abandon the project. If the project is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, Caltrans could design and construct all or part of the project.
Widening of State Route 74 (SR-74) from two lanes to four lanes from Calle Enradero (Post Mile [PM] 1.0) to approximately the City/County limits (PM 2.1) in the City of San Juan Capistrano and Unincorporated Orange County, California

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Submitted Pursuant to:
(Federal) 42 USC 4332(2)(c), 49 USC 303, and/or 23 USC 138

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Transportation

Date of Approval: May 24, 2019

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