

City of Jurupa Valley

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Michael Mirelez, Cultural Resource Coordinator
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
P.O. Box 1160
Thermal, CA 92274

Subject: Assembly Bill (AB) 52 (Public Resources Code §21080.3.1): Limonite Avenue Widening Project located in the City of Jurupa Valley, Riverside County, California

Dear Mr. Mirelez:

The City of Jurupa Valley (the City) is the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Limonite Avenue Widening Project, Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). The Project intends to widen Limonite Avenue from Bain Street to Homestead Street to provide two (2) additional travel lanes (4 total travel lanes), a raised center median, and the addition of curb and gutter. An 10 foot wide equestrian use trail will be added and located on the north side of the street while a 10 foot wide multi-use path will be located on the south side. In general, the roadway will be widened and realigned slightly to the north to improve sight distances and traffic flow. Some property along the limits of the existing roadway will need to be acquired for this purpose. After improvement, the roadway will have a right-of-way width of 111 feet. The land needed for temporary construction easements would be restored to largely existing conditions after completion of the roadway improvements, especially relating to drainage.

AB 52 requires lead agencies to consult with California Native American tribes that request such consultation in writing prior to the agency's release of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or notice of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), or Negative Declaration (ND). To that end, the City is notifying you of this Project. AB 52 allows tribes 30 days after receiving notification to request consultation.

Your participation in this local planning process is important. If you possess any information or knowledge regarding Native American Sacred Lands or other tribal cultural resources in and around the Project site, and wish to consult with the City regarding these resources or mitigation measures to reduce the impacts of the Project on them, please direct your email to ckkeys@jurupavalley.org or any correspondence on this matter to:

Chase Keys, Project Manager
City of Jurupa Valley
8930 Limonite Avenue
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

8930 Limonite Ave., Jurupa Valley, CA 92509-5183
Phone: (951) 332-6464, FAX (951) 332-6995
www.jurupavalley.org

The City would welcome a response at your earliest possible convenience, but no later than 30 days after receiving this letter. Should we not receive a response within 30 days, we will presume that you have declined consultation under AB 52. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss the proposed Project. I can be reached by phone at (951) 332-6464 ext. 235.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Steve Loriso
City Engineer/Director of Public Works
City of Jurupa Valley

Attachment – Exhibit 1, Project Location