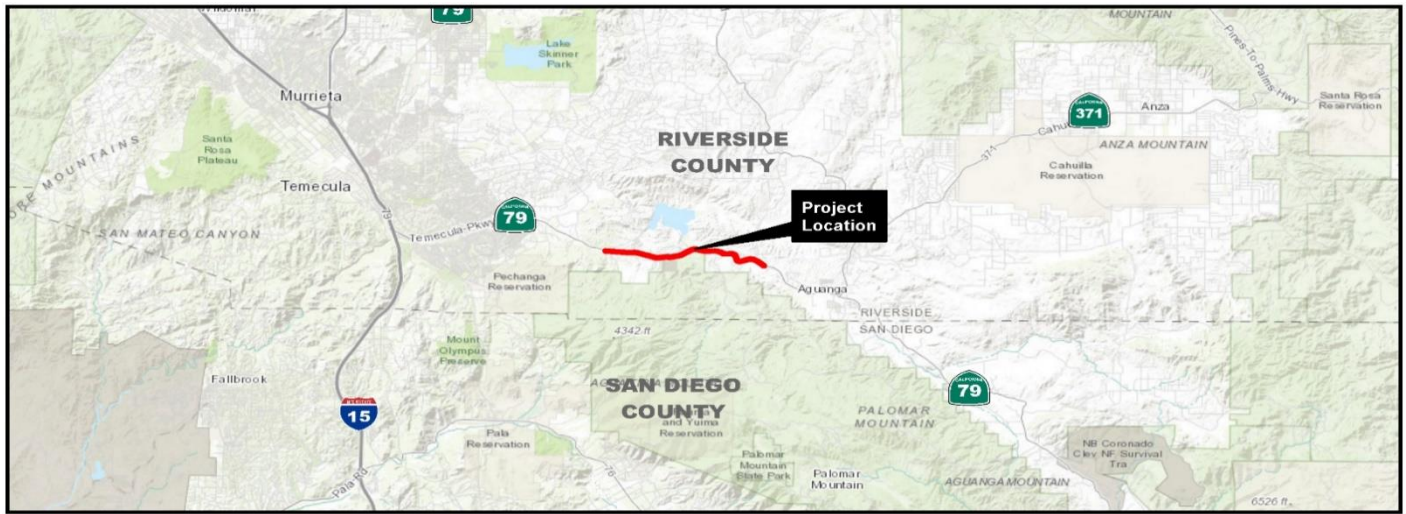


PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

SR-79 Construct Shoulders and Rumble Strips Project

EA 08-1G670 (PN 081600049)



<p>WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?</p>	<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct eight-foot paved shoulders, install rumble strips, and widen the Temecula Creek Bridge (BR# 56-0188) on State Route 79 (SR-79) from Post Mile (PM) 5.4 to 11.4 in the County of Riverside. Because of the existing conditions along the roadway, widening of the shoulders will require constructing retaining walls and soil nail walls at various locations within the project limits. Adding eight-foot paved shoulders on SR-79 would provide space for vehicles to pull over if necessary and reduce the risk of being struck by trailing vehicles. In addition to the eight-foot paved shoulders, the installation of rumble strips on the centerline and outside shoulders of SR-79 would assist in keeping drivers within the traveled way to avoid potential collisions and hitting fixed objects.</p>
<p>WHY THIS NOTICE?</p>	<p>Caltrans studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show the proposed project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains the effects of the project is called an <i>Initial Study (IS)/Environmental Assessment (EA)</i>. This notice is to advise you of the preparation of and availability of the <i>Initial Study with (Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)/Environmental Assessment</i> for you to read, offer you the opportunity to attend a public meeting or to provide comments, and inform you of the intent to adopt this <i>Mitigated Negative Declaration</i>.</p>
<p>WHAT'S AVAILABLE?</p>	<p>Copies of the approved <i>IS with (Proposed MND)/EA</i>, including associated maps, are available for review during regular business hours at the Ronald H. Roberts Temecula Public Library (30600 Pauba Road, Temecula, CA 92592) and Caltrans District 8, 464 West 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS 823, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400. Additional copies of the <i>IS with (Proposed MND)/EA</i> can be obtained by contacting Kourtney Graves, Associate Environmental Planner, via phone at (909) 383-6324 or via email at Kourtney.Graves@dot.ca.gov.</p>
<p>WHERE YOU COME IN</p>	<p>Do you have any comments about processing the project with an <i>IS with (Proposed MND)/EA</i>? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the <i>IS with (Proposed MND)/EA</i>? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? We would like to hear what you think. Please submit your comments in writing at the public meeting or in writing to the following address no later than April 9, 2020 to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">California Department of Transportation ATTN: Renetta Cloud, Senior Environmental Planner 464 West 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS 823 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400;</p> <p>or via email to RIV-79_Construct_Shoulders@dot.ca.gov.</p> <p>Please include "SR-79 Construct Shoulders and Install Rumble Strips Project" in the subject line. The date we will begin accepting comments is March 11, 2020. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.</p>
<p>WHEN & WHERE?</p>	<p>A public meeting will be held on March 26, 2020 at the Temecula Conference Center (41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>CONTACT</p>	<p>For more information about this study or project, contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631.</p> <p>For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, call or write to Terri Kasinga, Chief, Public and Media Affairs, 464 W. 4th Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401; (909) 383-4646; or use the California Relay Service 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech to Speech), or dial 711.</p>