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MEMORANDUM

**Extension of Public Review Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report/
Environmental Impact Statement with Section 4(f) for the Cajalco Road Widening
and Safety Enhancement Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2011091015)**

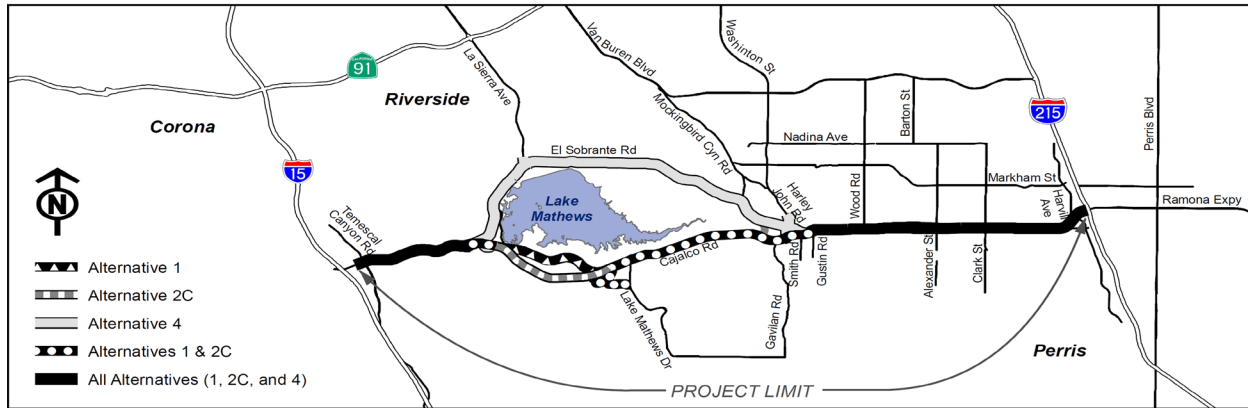
The Riverside County Transportation Department (County), serving as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), serving as lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), have extended the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Cajalco Road Widening and Safety Enhancement Project by 45 days. The Draft EIR/EIS was released for public review and comment on December 3, 2021. The original Draft EIR/EIS review period was scheduled to end on January 18, 2022; however, in response to requests received for extended review times, the County and Caltrans have decided to extend the review period an additional 45 days to **March 3, 2022**.

The Draft EIR is available for review on the County's website at <https://rcprojects.org/cajalco-road-widening>. Copies of the Draft EIR/EIS are also available for review at the three local libraries identified in the Notice of Availability: Woodcrest Library, 16625 Krameria Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504; El Cerrito Branch Library, 7581 Rudell Road, Corona, CA 92881; and Mead Valley Library, 21580 Oakwood Street, Perris, CA 92570.

Project Description

The proposed project is located in Riverside County, California and covers a distance of approximately 15.7 miles. In general, Cajalco Road and El Sobrante Road through the project area are two-lane undivided roadways with one 12-foot lane in each direction and shoulders of varying widths. The proposed project includes the widening of Cajalco Road, or a combination of Cajalco Road and El Sobrante Road, between the I-215 southbound ramps and Temescal Canyon Road in the County of Riverside. A limited portion of the westernmost part of the alignment is located in the City of Corona. The project would widen Cajalco Road, or a combination of Cajalco Road and El Sobrante Road, to four lanes between Harvill Avenue and Temescal Canyon Road, and to six lanes between the I-215 southbound ramps and Harvill Avenue, to improve east-west mobility and to provide increased capacity and improved traffic flow and safety. Intersection and drainage improvements, and wildlife crossings, are also proposed.

Three build alternatives and a No-Build alternative are analyzed in the Draft EIR/EIS.



Notices of the extended public review period have been circulated to the public via mail, email, and published in the Press Enterprise on December 24, 2021, The Perris Progress and the Sentinel Weekly News on December 22, 2021, and in La Prensa on December 31, 2021.

Written comments may continue to be submitted via email to the following email address: cajalcoroad-rctd@rivco.org. Or by mail to: County of Riverside, Attn: Cajalco Draft EIR/EIS Comment Period, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501. All comments must be postmarked or received online by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on **March 3, 2022**.

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