

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2019100381**

**Project Title:** I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (ELPSE)

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 City: San Bernardino Zip: 92401 County: San Bernardino

**Project Location:** County: Riverside City/Nearest Community: Lake Elsinore, Temescal Valley, Corona  
 Cross Streets: Interstate 15 and State Route 74, Interstate 15 and El Cerrito Road. Zip Code: NA  
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 46 ' 00.3 " N / 117 ° 28 ' 37.2 " W Total Acres: Approximately 844  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: NA Section: NA Twp.: NA Range: NA Base: NA  
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-15, SR-74 Waterways: Temescal Wash  
 Airports: NA Railways: NA Schools: Temescal Valley High School

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: Transportation

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type Express Lanes  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: Tribal Cultural Resources

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

**Transportation Facility**

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to construct new lanes along I-15 between post mile (PM) 21.2 and PM 38.1 in Riverside County, California. The primary component of the Project would be the addition of two tolled express lanes in both the northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) directions within the median of I-15 from SR-74 (Central Avenue) (PM 22.3) in the City of Lake Elsinore, through the unincorporated Riverside community of Temescal Valley, to El Cerrito Road (PM 38.1) in the City of Corona, for a distance of approximately 15.8 miles. (Continued)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 9, 2024 Ending Date November 26, 2024

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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**Project Description:**

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The Project would also add a SB auxiliary lane between both the Main Street (PM 21.2) Off-Ramp and SR-74 (Central Avenue) On-Ramp (approximately 0.75 mile), and the SR-74 (Central Avenue) Off-Ramp and Nichols Road On-Ramp (PM 23.9) (approximately 1 mile). Along with the lane additions, which would extend from PM 21.2 to PM 38.1, the Project would include widening of up to 15 bridges; potential construction of noise barriers, retaining walls, and drainage systems; and implementation of electronic toll collection equipment and signs. In addition, due to the SB express lanes access between the Cajalco Road and Weirick Road Interchanges, the SB I-15 Weirick Road Off-Ramp would be configured as a dual-lane exit. Associated improvements for the toll lanes, including advance signage and transition striping, would extend approximately 2 miles from each end of the express lane limits to PM 20.3 in the south and PM 40.1 in the north. The proposed lane additions and supporting infrastructure are expected to be constructed primarily within the existing State right of way. No new permanent right of way is expected to be required as part of this Project.