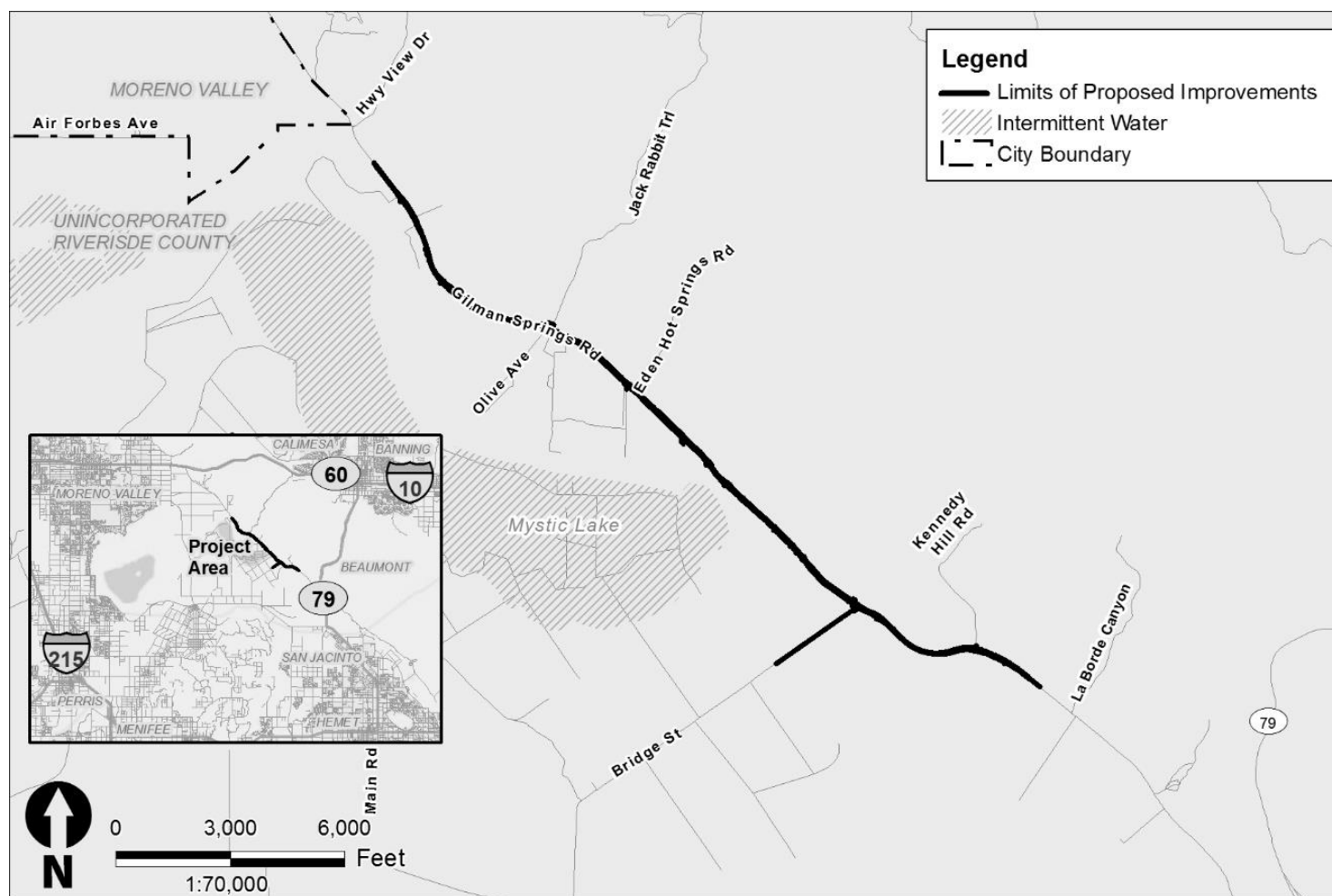


Public Notice

Notice of Availability of a Draft Initial Study and Intent to Adopt Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Announcement of Public Hearing Gilman Springs Shoulder and Median Widening Project



PUBLIC HEARING: WHERE AND WHEN

Date: March 31, 2022

Time: 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Held virtually via Zoom.* For details, please visit our website: <http://www.rcprojects.org/gilmanshldwidening>

*Due to current health restrictions, the hearing will be held virtually using Zoom, and will be accessible via computer or other device with internet connection. A current version of Zoom is recommended to access the virtual hearing

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The County of Riverside Transportation Department, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation, is proposing to widen Gilman Springs Road from approximately 1.29 miles north of Jack Rabbit Trail, to approximately one mile south of Bridge Street, a total distance of approximately 4.4 miles. The proposed project would also include one approximately 6,900-foot long passing lane in the westbound direction from approximately 1,350 feet north of Bridge Street to approximately 1,200 feet north of Eden Hot Springs Road. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and traffic operations and to improve driver awareness on Gilman Springs Road. The proposed project would reconstruct the existing roadway to include graded and paved shoulders, a westbound passing lane, and would replace the existing reinforced concrete box culvert with a bridge near the Gilman Springs Road intersection with Bridge Street. The proposed project would also require relocation of existing utilities in accordance with State law and regulations and County policies.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The County of Riverside has studied the proposed project and concluded that it would not significantly affect the environment. The report detailing this finding is called an Initial Study. This notice serves to advertise the availability of the Initial Study and your opportunity to read and comment on it, as well as the opportunity to attend the public hearing as advertised in this notice. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors will consider approval of the project and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project after April 12, 2022.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Gilman Springs Shoulder and Median Widening Project will be available March 11 through April 12, 2022. The document will be available for review at the following locations:

- County of Riverside Transportation Department, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, California 92501 (Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- County of Riverside Public Library, Nuview Library, 29990 Lakeview Ave, Nuevo, CA 92567 (During normal library hours)
- <http://www.rcprojects.org/gilmanshldwidening>

WHERE YOU COME IN

Please submit your comments in writing no later than April 12, 2022 to Jan Bulinski, Riverside County Transportation Department, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501. The date we will begin accepting comments is March 11, 2022. Based on study findings in the MND, the County of Riverside Transportation Department has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because potential effects would be mitigated to a less than significant level through the incorporation of the mitigation measures. Mitigation measures were incorporated to address potentially significant impacts to Biological resources. Pursuant to Section 15072(f)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, it has been determined that the proposed project site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code pertaining to hazardous wastes. Your written comments will be considered in the decision on the proposed project and will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors before action is taken on the proposed project. Notice of said decision will be mailed to any person requesting notification. No decision will be taken until after the review period is complete.

CONTACT

For more information about this project or to receive a copy of the Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Gilman Springs Shoulder and Median Widening Project, please contact Jan Bulinski, Senior Transportation Planner, Riverside County Transportation Department, at (951) 955-6859 or JBulinski@RIVCO.ORG, or at the project website at www.rcprojects.org/gilmanshldwidening. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the Riverside County Transportation Department, located at 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or call Jan Bulinski (951) 955-6859.