

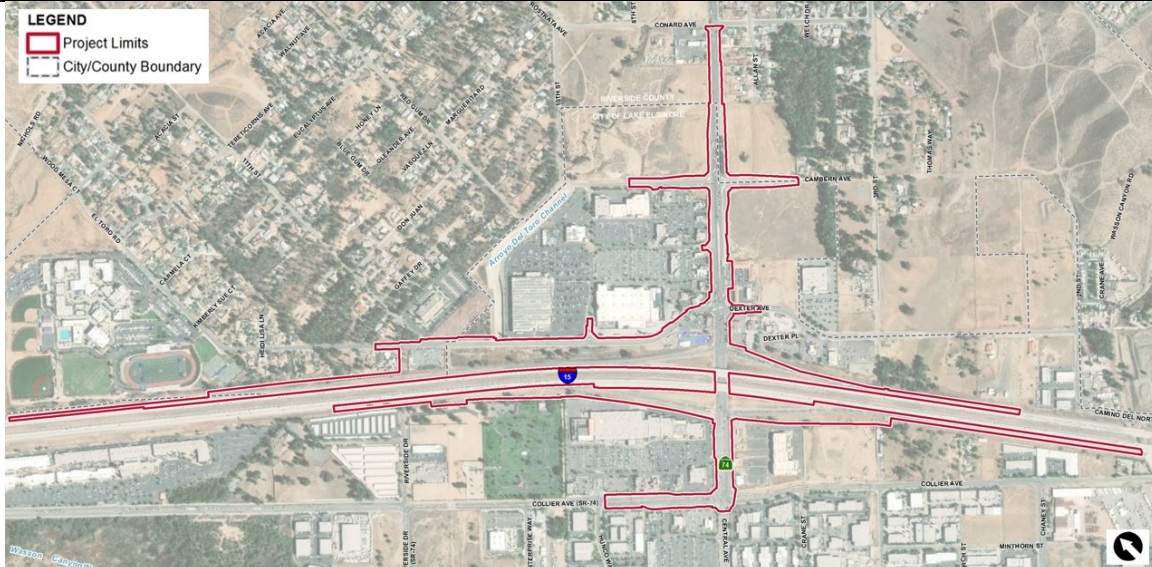


PUBLIC NOTICE

Interstate 15 (I-15)/State Route 74 (SR-74) (Central Avenue) Interchange Improvement Project



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Announcement of Public Meeting



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED The City of Lake Elsinore (City), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is proposing to improve the Interstate 15 (I-15)/State Route 74 (SR-74) (Central Avenue) interchange, in the City of Lake Elsinore, Riverside County, California. The I-15/SR-74 (Central Avenue) Interchange Improvement Project (Project) proposes to improve traffic operations, reduce congestion, and accommodate current and future traffic volumes on the I-15 and SR-74 corridors, and support anticipated growth and local development projects. The Project will also improve mobility and access for all users consistent with current Caltrans and City design standards. Alternative 1 (No-Build) and two Build Alternatives, Alternative 2 (northbound [NB] hook ramps) and Alternative 3 (NB hook ramps with NB loop off-ramp to west bound SR-74) are being evaluated for the Project. The Project is located approximately 1.6 mile south of the existing I-15/Nichols Road interchange and 1.3 mile north of the existing I-15/Main Street interchange.

WHY THIS AD? Caltrans has studied the effects this Project may have on the environment. Our studies show the Project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains this is called *Initial Study/Environmental Assessment*. This notice is to tell you about the preparation of the *Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment* and of its availability for you to read and offer you the opportunity to attend a public meeting, or to provide comments.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE? The *Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment* and other Project information is available in hard copy format at the following locations (document available during normal business hours; please call to confirm as hours may be subject to change):

City of Lake Elsinore
130 South Main Street
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Phone: (951) 674-3124

Lake Elsinore Library
600 West Graham
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Phone: (951) 674-4517

In addition, the documents will be available for review electronically on the City's website via the Project web page:

- Interstate 15/State Route 74 (Central Avenue) Interchange Improvement Project Website:
<https://www.lake-elsinore.org/CentralAveInterchange>

WHERE YOU COME IN: Do you have any comments about processing the Project with a *Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment*? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the *Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration*? Would you care to make any other comments on the Project?

The public comment period will commence on Friday, November 10, 2023. All comments must be received no later than Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

Comments may be submitted via email to D8.0F310.Comments@dot.ca.gov with the subject line "Comments on I-15/SR-74 Interchange Improvement Project IS(MND)/EA" or mailed in writing to the address below:

Antonia Toledo, Branch Chief
California Department of Transportation, District 8
Environmental Studies D
464 West 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS 820
San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400

If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the Project's design.

WHEN AND WHERE: The public meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 29, 2023 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at the **City of Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center** located at **183 North Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530.**

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to call or write to City of Lake Elsinore, Attention: Remon Habib, City Engineer 130 South Main Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530; (951) 674-3124, ext. 213 (Voice); or use the California Relay Service 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY), 1 (800) 735-2929 (Voice) or 711.

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