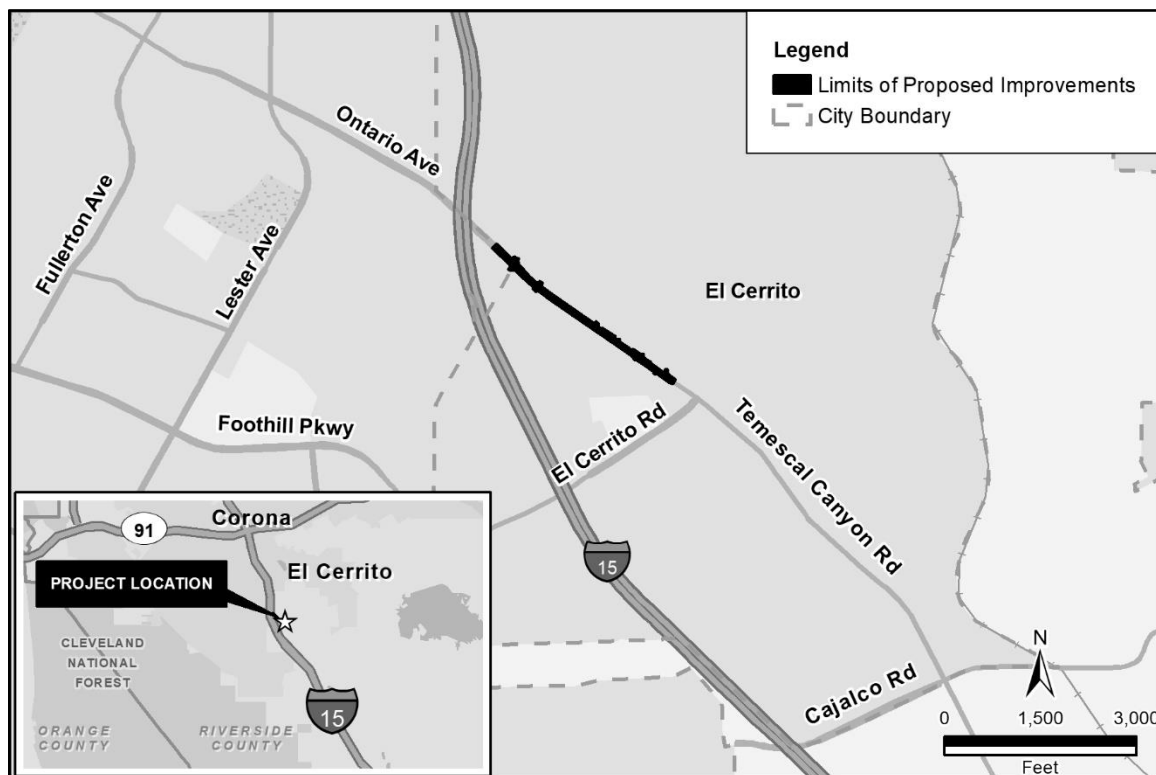


Public Notice

Notice of Availability of a Draft Initial Study and Intent to Adopt Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration Ontario Avenue Widening and Restriping Project



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing to widen and restripe Ontario Avenue from State Street to Diplomat Avenue to provide a four-travel lane facility consisting of two southbound lanes, two northbound lanes, one two-way left-turn lane, and two marked on-street bike lanes, in the unincorporated community of El Cerrito in Riverside County, California. The project covers a distance of approximately 0.58 miles and would entail resurfacing the existing roadway and widening along the east side between Diplomat Avenue and Rising Sun Road for a consistent 64-foot-wide curb-to-curb width. Other project improvements include the conversion of existing drainage inlets to catch basins and completing a missing sidewalk segment along the west side of Ontario Avenue between State Street and Piute Creek Road. The purpose of the project is to alleviate congestion on Ontario Avenue and Temescal Canyon Road and to provide a complete street to serve pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all abilities.

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 Draft Initial Study and your opportunity to read and comment on it. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors will consider approval of the project and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project after March 31, 2025.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Ontario Avenue Widening and Restriping Project will be available February 28, 2025 through March 31, 2025. The document will be available for review at the following locations:

- County of Riverside Transportation Department, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, California 92501 (Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- Corona Public Library, 650 Main Street, Corona, CA 92882 (During normal library hours)
- Project website: <https://rcprojects.org/ontario-avenue-widening>
- Email by contacting Don Copeland at dcopelan@rivco.org

WHERE YOU COME IN

Please submit your comments in writing no later than March 31, 2025 to Don Copeland, County of Riverside Transportation Department, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501, or via dcopelan@rivco.org. The date we will begin accepting comments is February 28, 2025. Based on study findings in the Draft Initial Study, 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. Potentially significant impacts for which mitigation measures were incorporated include 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 Riverside County 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 Ontario Avenue Widening and Restriping Project, please contact Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner, County of Riverside Transportation Department, at (951) 955-6759 or via email at dcopelan@rivco.org, or at the project website at <https://rcprojects.org/ontario-avenue-widening>. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the County of Riverside Transportation Department, located at 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or call Don Copeland at (951) 955-6759.