

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: _____

From: California Dept. of Transportation
3347 Michelson Drive, Suite 100
Irvine, CA 92612

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report
Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

Project Title: SR-241/SR-91 Express Lanes Connector Project

Project Location: Junction of SR-241 and SR-91; Orange County and Riverside County, California

Project Description: Median-to-median connector between SR-241 and the SR-91 Express Lanes

This is to inform you that the California Department of Transportation will be the lead agency and will prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (Supplemental DEIR) for the project described below. Your participation as a responsible agency is requested in the preparation and review of this document.

We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the Supplemental DEIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

A project location map and further project description details are contained in the attached Public Notice.

A copy of the Initial Study (is) (is not) attached. Environmental effects anticipated for update in the Supplemental DEIR include: Land Use, Growth, Community Impacts, Utilities and Emergency Services, Traffic and Transportation/Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities, Visual/Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Water Quality and Storm Water Runoff, Geology/Soils/Seismic/Topography, Paleontology, Hazardous Waste/Materials, Air Quality/Climate Change, Noise, Energy, Biological Environment, and Cumulative Impacts. Topics that will not be included in the Supplemental DEIR are: Coastal Zone, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Farmlands/Timberlands, Hydrology and Floodplain. These topics will not be covered in the Supplemental DEIR because the Project, as originally approved, was found to not impact on these environmental parameters along the project limits and the proposed Project will not change that conclusion.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please direct your response to Bahar Heydari, (949) 724-2703, or at the following email address: D12.NOP241.91@dot.ca.gov. Please supply us with the name for a contact person in your agency.

Date 03/13/2015

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