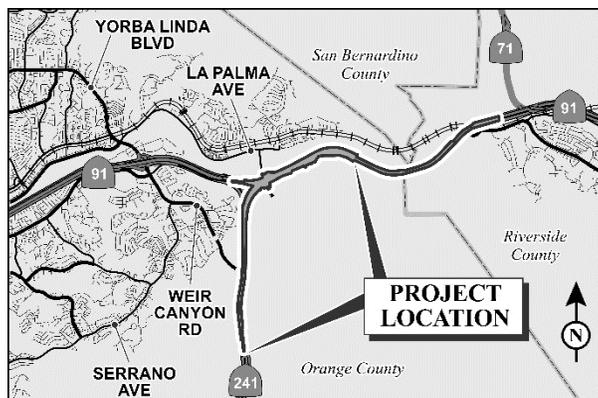


# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Available for SR-241/SR-91 Tolled Express Lanes Connector Project and Announcement of Public Hearing



**WHAT'S BEING PLANNED:** California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) District 12, in cooperation with the Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (F/ETCA) is proposing the State Route 241/State Route 91 (SR-241/SR-91) Tolled Express Lanes Connector Project (Proposed Project) to construct a median-to-median connector between SR-241 and the tolled lanes in the median of SR-91 (91 Express Lanes). A No Build Alternative and only one Build Alternative (Preferred Alternative) are evaluated in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/EIS). The Proposed Project, located at the junction of SR-241 and SR-91 in the cities of Anaheim, Yorba Linda, and Corona and the counties of Orange and Riverside, would provide improved access between SR-241 and SR-91 and is proposed to be a tolled facility with a total length of approximately 8.7 miles. Currently, there is no direct connection between the SR-241 toll road and the 91 Express Lanes. SR-241 is a tolled facility, starting at the Oso Parkway interchange, in south Orange County, to its terminus at SR-91. The 91 Express Lanes is a two-lane tolled facility, in each direction, located in the median of SR-91, from State Route 55 (SR-55), to the Orange/Riverside County line (east of the SR-241 interchange). The existing SR-241/SR-91 interchange connects northbound SR-241 to non-tolled general purpose lanes of eastbound and westbound SR-91 and the eastbound and westbound SR-91 to southbound SR-241. Approximately 5 acres of land on the slope south of SR-91, approximately 3,600 ft west of Coal Canyon, would be permanently acquired for the Proposed Project. The acquired land is currently part of the Irvine Ranch Natural National Landmark (NNL), owned by the County of Orange with a Conservation Easement held by the Nature Conservancy. As a publicly owned and operated park that is open to the public, the NNL and the Preserves in the NNL qualify for protection under the requirements of Section 4(f). Therefore, a Section 4(f) Resource Evaluation was conducted and included as part of the Draft SEIR/EIS.

**WHY THIS AD:** Caltrans has studied the effects the Proposed Project may have on the environment. Studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains the environmental impacts is called Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/EIS). This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Draft SEIR/EIS and Section 4(f) Resource Evaluation and their availability for review. An open house style public hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to review the project design features.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) required by 40 CFR 93.116 AND 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123 (b)(1). A detailed PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The Proposed Project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comments are requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

**WHAT'S AVAILABLE:** The Draft SEIR/EIS is available for review at CALTRANS District 12, 1750 East Fourth Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705 and the TCA office, 125 Pacifica, Suite 120, Irvine, California 92618 on weekdays (M-F) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Maps and other information are also available. There are also copies available at the following public libraries during their regular business hours:

- East Anaheim Library (8201 East Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, California, 92808,
- Corona Public Library (650 South Main Street, Corona, California, 92882,
- El Modena Branch Library (380 South Hewes Street, Orange, California, 92869.

In addition, documents are also available for review on-line at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d12/DEA/241-91/0K9700/>.

**WHERE YOU COME IN:** Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will be part of the public record. If you wish to make a comment on the Draft SEIR/EIS, you may submit your written comments to CALTRANS at the address below until **January 5, 2017**.

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 Caltrans-District 12, "Attn: 241-91 DSEIR/EIS Comment Period"  
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Comments may also be sent via email to: [D12.SR241-91ELC@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D12.SR241-91ELC@dot.ca.gov)

**WHEN AND WHERE:** An open house style public hearing will be held **Tuesday, November 29, 2016 – 5:30 – 8:30 pm**, at the East Anaheim Community Center, 8201 East Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, CA 92808

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact CALTRANS District 12, Attn: Public Affairs Office at (657) 328-6533 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled hearing date, TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TTY line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

**CONTACT:** For more information about this study or any transportation matter, call Smita Deshpande at CALTRANS District 12: (657) 328-6533.