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*Notices Regarding Draft EIR/EA  
Public Review Period and Public  
Hearing*

*G. 1 - Correspondence Related to Extension of Draft EIR/EA Public Review Period*

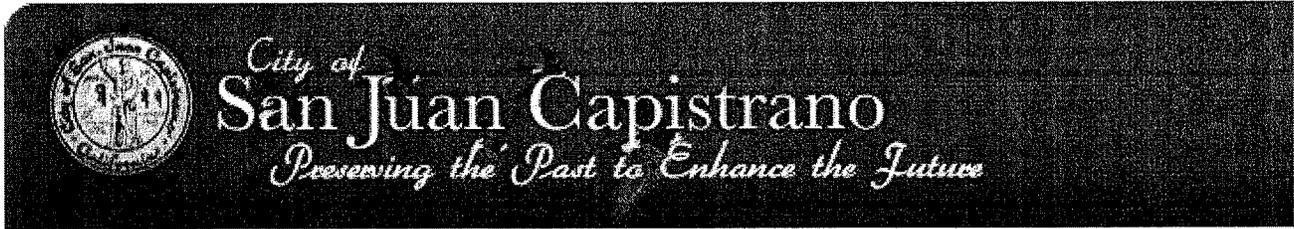
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## Latest News

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**Posted Date:** 5/13/2008 8:45 AM

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To request copies of the draft environmental study, contact Amy Walston at 949-263-9322, x271 or [amy.walston@parsons.com](mailto:amy.walston@parsons.com). The document is also available for review online at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist12/5-74EIR.htm>

Comments can be made to [5-74\\_interchange\\_EIRD12@dot.ca.gov](mailto:5-74_interchange_EIRD12@dot.ca.gov) or to the following address:

California Department of Transportation, Environmental Planning

Smita Deshpande, Environmental Branch Chief, Attn: Scott Shelley

3337 Michelson Dr., Ste. 380, Irvine, CA 92612-0661

For more information about the environmental document and project, contact Nasser Abbaszadeh at 949-443-6398 or [nabbaszadeh@sanjuancapistrano.org](mailto:nabbaszadeh@sanjuancapistrano.org).

**Wegener, Michelle M**

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**From:** Nasser Abbaszadeh [NAbbaszadeh@SanJuanCapistrano.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 9:11 AM  
**To:** Smita Deshpande; ahmed\_abou-abdou@dot.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Walston, Amy; Haboian, Kevin; Steven Apple; Alan Oswald  
**Subject:** FW: City of San Juan Capistrano: Public has 30 extra days to comment on Ortega Highway Interchange plan

FYI and project files. Attached is the press release we issued this morning.

*Engineering & Building Department Mission Statement –  
"To enhance the quality of life and preserve the City's heritage and charm through timely response, effective design, environmental sensitivity, quality construction, and neighborhood improvement."*

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**From:** eNews@SanJuanCapistrano.org [mailto:eNews@SanJuanCapistrano.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 8:59 AM  
**To:** Nasser Abbaszadeh  
**Subject:** City of San Juan Capistrano: Public has 30 extra days to comment on Ortega Highway Interchange plan



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May 12, 2008

The Honorable Joe Soto  
Mayor, City of San Juan Capistrano  
32400 Paseo Adelanto  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Dear Mayor Soto,

This is in response to your letter of May 7, 2008 requesting a 30-day time extension for the public review and comment period of the proposed Interstate 5 / State Route 74 Interchange Project.

On May 8, 2008 the California Department of Transportation (Department) received an e-mail from Parsons Transportation Group, consultant to the City of San Juan Capistrano (City), requesting this time extension on behalf of the City. On May 9, 2008, Department staff responded via e-mail concurring on the time extension. Moreover, the Department requested that City staff and their consultant provide community outreach announcing this time extension to the public.

The Department looks forward to further coordinating this effort for the response and comments with City staff. Should you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Vega, District Deputy Director of Environmental Planning at (949) 724-2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Quon".

CINDY QUON  
Director  
District 12

c: Council Members  
Dave Adams  
Cindy Russell  
Nasser Abbaszadeh  
Sylvia Vega, Caltrans

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*Office of the Mayor*

May 7, 2008

Ms. Cindy Quon  
District Director  
Department of Transportation  
3337 Michelson Drive, Suite 380  
Irvine, CA 92612-8894

**RE: I-5 and Ortega Highway Interchange Project**

Dear Cindy:

At the City Council meeting of May 6, 2008, the project consultant for the I-5 and Ortega Highway Interchange made a presentation regarding this important project to our community.

It is gratifying to see that this project is moving forward and some version of the final improvement may address traffic congestion and accident problems at this busy interchange.

My colleagues on the Council and I noted that the public comment period for this important project closes on May 12, 2008, and believe that a project of this magnitude requires more time for the community to be educated and to provide adequate comments on its environmental implications. The City Council did unanimously vote to formally request an extended public review time by 30 days.

A new deadline for comments, June 12<sup>th</sup>, will afford an in depth review by the community. We trust that the time extension will not put undue burden on the project timeline and in fact, it may help with a better outcome in the long run.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and in case of questions, please contact Mr. Nasser Abbaszadeh, Director of Engineering and Building, at (949) 443-6398.

Sincerely,

Joe Soto  
Mayor

C: Council Members  
Dave Adams  
Cindy Russell  
Nasser Abbaszadeh

*G.2 - Notice of Completion (NOC) Forms Transmitted to the State  
Clearing House (SCH)*



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE of PLANNING AND RESEARCH  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT



CYNTHIA BRYANT  
DIRECTOR

June 13, 2008

Smita Deshpande  
California Department of Transportation  
3337 Michelson Drive, Suite 380  
Irvine, CA 92612-0661

Subject: Interstate-5/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project  
SCH#: 2006051132

Dear Smita Deshpande:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Joint Document to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on June 12, 2008, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts  
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures  
cc: Resources Agency

**Document Details Report  
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 2006051132  
**Project Title** Interstate-5/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project  
**Lead Agency** Caltrans #12

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**Type** JD Joint Document  
**Description** NOTE: Joint Document consists of Draft EIR and Environmental Assessment.

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**Lead Agency Contact**

**Name** Smita Deshpande  
**Agency** California Department of Transportation  
**Phone** (949) 724-2245 **Fax**  
**email**  
**Address** 3337 Michelson Drive, Suite 380  
**City** Irvine **State** CA **Zip** 92612-0661

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**Project Location**

**County** Orange  
**City** San Juan Capistrano  
**Region**  
**Lat / Long** 33° 30' 8.00" N / 117° 39' 30.20" W  
**Cross Streets** Interstate 5 at State Route 74 (Ortega Highway)  
**Parcel No.**  

<b>Township</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Base</b>
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**Proximity to:**

**Highways** SR-74  
**Airports**  
**Railways** OCTA/MetroLink Railroad  
**Waterways** Horno Creek  
**Schools** San Juan Elementary  
**Land Use** Transportation, General Commercial, General Open Space, Public & Institutional, Medium High Density Residential, Industrial Park

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**Project Issues** Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Cumulative Effects; Drainage/Absorption; Economics/Jobs; Flood Plain/Flooding; Geologic/Seismic; Landuse; Noise; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Schools/Universities; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Wildlife

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**Reviewing Agencies** Resources Agency; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 9; Department of Parks and Recreation; Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Fish and Game, Region 5; Department of Water Resources; Department of Conservation; California Highway Patrol; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; Department of Toxic Substances Control

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**Date Received** 03/28/2008 **Start of Review** 03/28/2008 **End of Review** 06/12/2008

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION**

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April 18, 2008

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Ms. Cindy Quon, District 12 Director

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

3337 Michelson Drive, Suite 100  
 Irvine, CA 92612

Re: SCH#2006051132; CEQA Notice of Completion; draft Environmental Impact Report/draft Environmental Assessment (DEIR/DEA); Interstate 5/S.R. 74 Interchange Improvement Project; 12-ORA-5-PM 9.36/9.88; 12-ORA-74-PM 0.00/0.20; EA OE3100; Ortega Highway at San Juan Capistrano; Orange County, California

Dear Ms. Quon

The Native American Heritage Commission is the state agency designated to protect California's Native American Cultural Resources. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, that includes archaeological resources, is a 'significant effect' requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) per the California Code of Regulations §15064.5(b)(c) (CEQA guidelines). Section 15382 of the 2007 CEQA Guidelines defines a significant impact on the environment as "a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of physical conditions within an area affected by the proposed project, including ... objects of historic or aesthetic significance." In order to comply with this provision, the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on these resources within the 'area of potential effect (APE)', and if so, to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess the project-related impacts on historical resources, the Commission recommends the following action:

- √ Contact the appropriate California Historic Resources Information Center (CHRIS) for possible 'recorded sites' in locations where the development will or might occur.. Contact information for the Information Center nearest you is available from the State Office of Historic Preservation (916/653-7278)/ <http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov>. The record search will determine:
  - If a part or the entire APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
  - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded in or adjacent to the APE.
  - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
  - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- √ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
  - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
  - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- √ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for:
  - \* A Sacred Lands File (SLF) search of the project area and information on tribal contacts in the project vicinity that may have additional cultural resource information. Please provide this office with the following citation format to assist with the Sacred Lands File search request: USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle citation with name, township, range and section.
  - The NAHC advises the use of Native American Monitors to ensure proper identification and care given cultural resources that may be discovered. The NAHC recommends that contact be made with Native American Contacts on the attached list to get their input on potential project impact (APE). In some cases, the existence of a Native American cultural resources may be known only to a local tribe(s).
- √ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
  - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5 (f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
  - A culturally-affiliated Native American tribe may be the only source of information about a Sacred Site/Native American cultural resource.
  - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.

√ Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains or unmarked cemeteries in their mitigation plans.

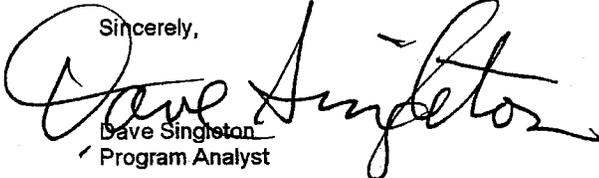
\* CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5(d) requires the lead agency to work with the Native Americans identified by this Commission if the initial Study identifies the presence or likely presence of Native American human remains within the APE. CEQA Guidelines provide for agreements with Native American, identified by the NAHC, to assure the appropriate and dignified treatment of Native American human remains and any associated grave liens.

√ Health and Safety Code §7050.5, Public Resources Code §5097.98 and Sec. §15064.5 (d) of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) mandate procedures to be followed, including that construction or excavation be stopped in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery until the county coroner or medical examiner can determine whether the remains are those of a Native American. Note that §7052 of the Health & Safety Code states that disturbance of Native American cemeteries is a felony.

√ Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in §15370 of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines), when significant cultural resources are discovered during the course of project planning and implementation

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-6251 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Singleton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature, the name "Dave Singleton" and the title "Program Analyst" are printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.

Attachment: List of Native American Contacts

Cc: State Clearinghouse

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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May 12, 2008

State Clearinghouse  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**RE: I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (SCH# 2006051132)  
Thirty-day Extension of the Public Review Period**

To Whom It May Concern:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12, has approved a 30-day extension of the public review period for the Interstate 5 (I-5)/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (Draft EIR/EA) (SCH# 2006051132). The original closing date of the public review period was May 12, 2008. The public review period has now been extended by 30-days, to close on June 12, 2008. Attached is a revised Notice of Completion form that reflects the new end date of the extended review period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Smita Deshpande".

Smita Deshpande, Branch Chief  
Environmental Planning Branch 'A'  
Caltrans District 12  
(949) 724-2245

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P. O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # 2006051132

Project Title: Interstate 5/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project
Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation
Mailing Address: 3337 Michelson Drive, Suite 380
City: Irvine
Contact Person: Smita Deshpande
Phone: (949) 724-2245
County: Orange
Zip: 92612-0661

Project Location: County: Orange City/Nearest Community: San Juan Capistrano
Cross Streets: Interstate 5 at State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Zip Code: 92675
Lat. / Long.: 33 ° 30 ' 08 " N / 117 ° 39 ' 30.2 " W
Assessor's Parcel No.: Section: Twp.: Range: Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 74 (Ortega Highway) Waterways: Horno Creek
Airports: -- Railways: OCTA/Metrolink RR Schools: San Juan Elementary

Document Type:

- CEQA: [ ] NOP [ ] Early Cons [ ] Neg Dec [ ] Mit Neg Dec
[ ] Draft EIR [ ] Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) Other 30-day Ext. of Public Review
NEPA: [ ] NOI [ ] EA [ ] Draft EIS [ ] FONSI
Other: [ ] Joint Document [ ] Final Document [ ] Other Review Ext.

Local Action Type:

- [ ] General Plan Update [ ] Specific Plan [ ] Rezone [ ] Annexation
[ ] General Plan Amendment [ ] Master Plan [ ] Prezone [ ] Redevelopment
[ ] General Plan Element [ ] Planned Unit Development [ ] Use Permit [ ] Coastal Permit
[ ] Community Plan [ ] Site Plan [ ] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [ ] Other Transport.

Development Type:

- [ ] Residential: Units Acres
[ ] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[ ] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[ ] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[ ] Educational
[ ] Recreational
[ ] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[ ] Transportation: Type Interchange improvement project
[ ] Mining: Mineral
[ ] Power: Type MW
[ ] Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[ ] Hazardous Waste: Type
[ ] Other:

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

- [ ] Aesthetic/Visual [ ] Agricultural Land [ ] Air Quality [ ] Archeological/Historical [ ] Biological Resources [ ] Coastal Zone [ ] Drainage/Absorption [ ] Economic/Jobs [ ] Other
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[ ] Vegetation [ ] Water Quality [ ] Water Supply/Groundwater [ ] Wetland/Riparian [ ] Wildlife [ ] Growth Inducing [ ] Land Use [ ] Cumulative Effects

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Transportation, General Commercial, General Open Space, Public & Institutional, Medium High Density Residential, Industrial Park

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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Note: The state Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

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If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date 03/28/2008 Ending Date Original:05/12/2008 Extended to: 06/12/2008

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: <u>Parsons Transportation Group</u>	Applicant: _____
Address: <u>2201 Dupont Drive Suite 200</u>	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: <u>Irvine/CA/92612</u>	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: <u>Amy Walston</u>	Phone: _____
Phone: <u>(949)263-9322 ext. 271</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: *Amita Deshpande* Date: May 12, 2008

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.



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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT



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DIRECTOR

## Memorandum

**Date:** May 16, 2008  
**To:** All Reviewing Agencies  
**From:** Scott Morgan, Senior Planner  
**Re:** SCH # 2006051132  
Interstate 5/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement  
Project

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Pursuant to the attached letter, the Lead Agency has extended the review period for the above referenced project to June 12, 2008 to accommodate the review process. All other project information remains the same.

cc: Smita Deshpande  
California Department of Transportation  
3337 Michelson Drive, Suite 380  
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May 12, 2008

State Clearinghouse  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**RE: I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (SCH# 2006051132)  
Thirty-day Extension of the Public Review Period**

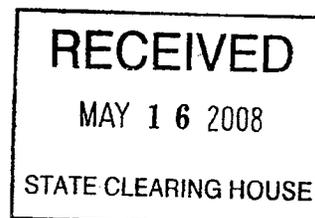
To Whom It May Concern:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12, has approved a 30-day extension of the public review period for the Interstate 5 (I-5)/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (Draft EIR/EA) (SCH# 2006051132). The original closing date of the public review period was May 12, 2008. The public review period has now been extended by 30-days, to close on June 12, 2008. Attached is a revised Notice of Completion form that reflects the new end date of the extended review period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Smita Deshpande".

Smita Deshpande, Branch Chief  
Environmental Planning Branch 'A'  
Caltrans District 12  
(949) 724-2245



Print Form

### Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P. O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613  
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # **2006051132**

**Project Title:** Interstate 5/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project  
**Lead Agency:** California Department of Transportation **Contact Person:** Smita Deshpande  
**Mailing Address:** 3337 Michelson Drive, Suite 380 **Phone:** (949) 724-2245  
**City:** Irvine **Zip:** 92612-0661 **County:** Orange

**Project Location:** County: Orange City/Nearest Community: San Juan Capistrano  
**Cross Streets:** Interstate 5 at State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) **Zip Code:** 92675  
**Lat. / Long.:** 33 ° 30 ' 08 " N / 117 ° 39 ' 30.2 " W **Total Acres:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Assessor's Parcel No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Section:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Twp.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Range:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Base:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Within 2 Miles:** State Hwy #: 74 (Ortega Highway) **Waterways:** Horno Creek  
**Airports:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Railways:** OCTA/Metrolink RR **Schools:** San Juan Elementary

**Document Type:**  
**CEQA:**  NOP  Draft EIR **NEPA:**  NOI **Other:**  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec  Mit Neg Dec  Other (Prior SCH No.)  Draft EIS  Other  
 Other

**Local Action Type:**  
 General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Redzone  Redevelopment  
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State Clearinghouse Contact: (916) 445-0613

State Review Began: 3-28-2008

SCH COMPLIANCE 6-12-2008

Extended Review Period

Please note State Clearinghouse Number (SCH#) on all Comments

SCH#: 2006051132

Please forward late comments directly to the Lead Agency

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(Resources: 3/29)

#### Project Sent to the following State Agencies

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### Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".  
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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date March 28, 2008 Ending Date May 12, 2008

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**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: Parsons Transportation Group Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 2201 Dupont Drive Suite 200 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: Irvine/CA/92612 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: Amy Walston Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (949)263-9322 ext. 271

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: *Amrita Dandekar* Date: March 26, 2008

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.



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DIRECTOR

May 13, 2008

Smita Deshpande  
California Department of Transportation  
3337 Michelson Drive, Suite 380  
Irvine, CA 92612-0661

Subject: Interstate-5/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project  
SCH#: 2006051132

Dear Smita Deshpande:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Joint Document to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on May 12, 2008, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts  
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures  
cc: Resources Agency

**Document Details Report  
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 2006051132  
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**Lead Agency** Caltrans #12

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**Lead Agency Contact**

**Name** Smita Deshpande  
**Agency** California Department of Transportation  
**Phone** (949) 724-2245 **Fax**  
**email**  
**Address** 3337 Michelson Drive, Suite 380  
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**County** Orange  
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**Region**  
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**Parcel No.**  
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**Proximity to:**

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**Airports**  
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**Date Received** 03/28/2008 **Start of Review** 03/28/2008 **End of Review** 05/12/2008

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*G.3 - Public Notices Provided to Orange County Clerk*

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT PURSUANT TO  
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BY

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This Notice is being sent to your office as required of the California Department of Transportation (the Department) pursuant to California Public Resources Code (PRC) section 21092.3. As specified in PRC section 21092.3, notices for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) must be posted in the office of the county clerk of each county in which the project will be located. Such notices for an EIR are required to remain posted for a period of 30 days. In addition, notices for a Negative Declaration are required to be posted for a period of 20 days, unless otherwise required by law to be posted for 30 days. A copy of the Public Notice concerning the project is attached. **The county clerk is required to post these notices within 24 hours of receipt.**

1. TYPE OF DOCUMENT:

- Notice of Preparation
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2. PROJECT NAME:

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5. PERIOD DURING WHICH COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT WILL BE RECEIVED:

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**\*Note: The Department recently approved a 30-day extension of the public review period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (Draft EIR/EA). The original closing date of the public review period was May 12, 2008. The public review period has now been extended by thirty days, to close on June 12, 2008.**

6. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF ANY PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT:

A public hearing was held on April 29, 2008 from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the City of San Juan Capistrano Council Chambers located at 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675.

7. ADDRESS WHERE COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT AND ALL REFERENCED DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW:

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) is available for public viewing (free of charge) from March 28, 2008 to June 12, 2008 at the following locations:

California Dept. of Transportation  
Planning Services Dept.  
3337 Michelson Dr., Suite 100  
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Open:  
Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

City of San Juan Capistrano  
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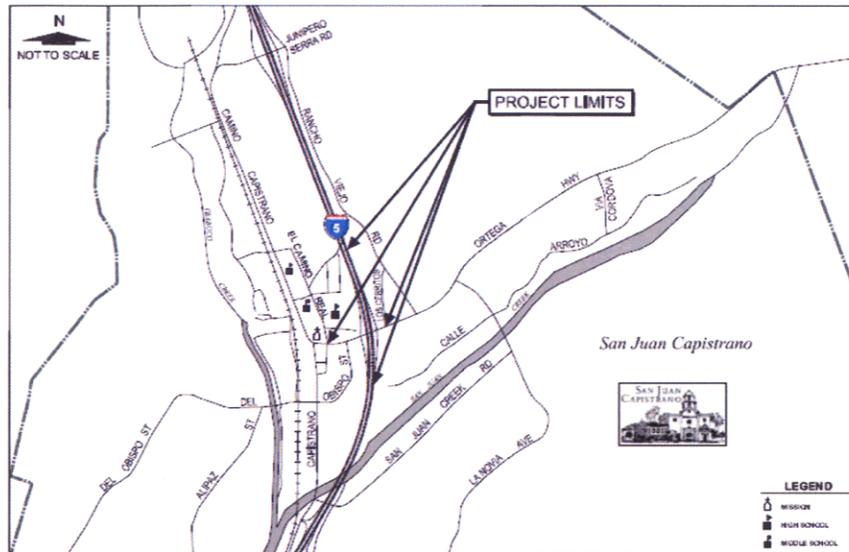
Also, available online at:  
<<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist12/5-74EIR.htm>>



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Revised Notice of Availability

### Interstate 5/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment



#### ■ WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

CALTRANS, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, is proposing to reconfigure the Interstate 5 (I-5)/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) interchange located in the City of San Juan Capistrano.

#### ■ WHY THIS AD

CALTRANS has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Assessment (DEIR/EA) to document the proposed project's anticipated impacts and potential effects upon the environment. The original Notice of Availability and Announcement of Public Hearing for the DEIR/EA was issued on March 28, 2008. A public hearing was held on April 29, 2008 to provide interested parties the opportunity to review and comment on the DEIR/EA and speak with staff about the project before the Final EIR/EA is prepared and the final design is selected.

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#### ■ WHAT'S AVAILABLE

Copies of the DEIR/EA and other project information will be available for review beginning March 28, 2008 during normal business hours at the following locations:

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#### ■ WHERE YOU COME IN

Please send your comments during the **DEIR/EA public review period scheduled from March 28, 2008 to June 12, 2008 (new extended closing date)**. You can **send your written comments by June 12, 2008 to:**

California Department of Transportation, Environmental Planning  
Smita Deshpande, Environmental Branch Chief, Attn: Scott Shelley  
3337 Michelson Dr., Ste. 380, Irvine, CA 92612-0661

Comments can also be submitted via email to: [5-74\\_interchange\\_EIR\\_D12@dot.ca.gov](mailto:5-74_interchange_EIR_D12@dot.ca.gov)

#### ■ CONTACT

To request a printed copy of the DEIR/EA (reproduction charges may apply), contact Amy Walston at (949) 263-9322 X271 or [amy.walston@parsons.com](mailto:amy.walston@parsons.com).

If you require documents in alternative formats, contact Amy Walston at (949) 263-9322 X271 or [amy.walston@parsons.com](mailto:amy.walston@parsons.com). TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

For more information about the project or DEIR/EA, please contact Nasser Abbaszadeh at (949) 443-6398 or [nabbaszadeh@sanjuancapistrano.org](mailto:nabbaszadeh@sanjuancapistrano.org).

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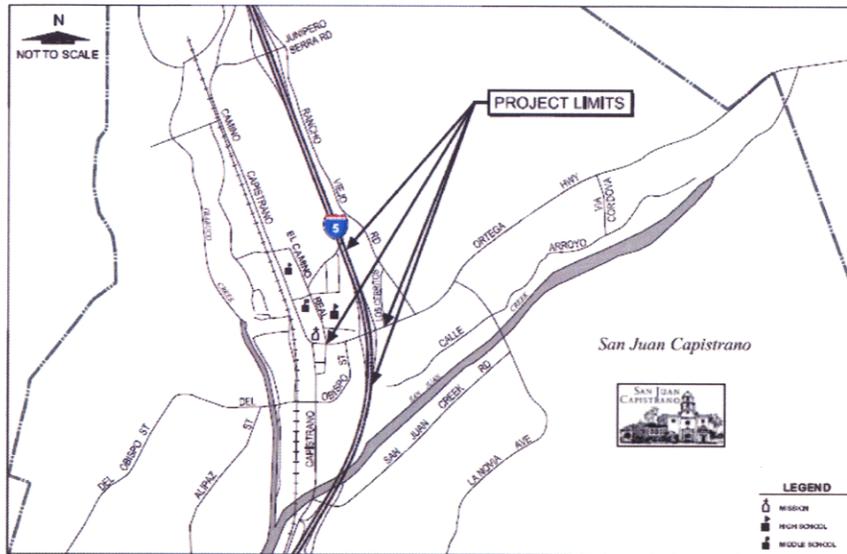
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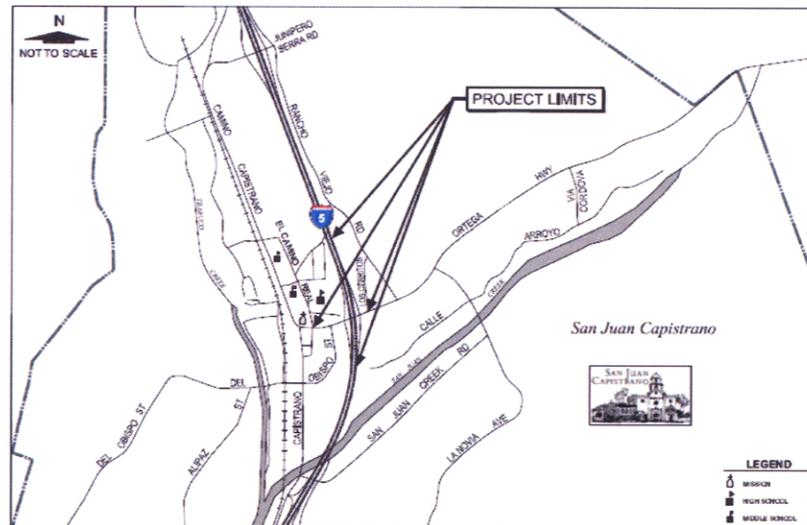
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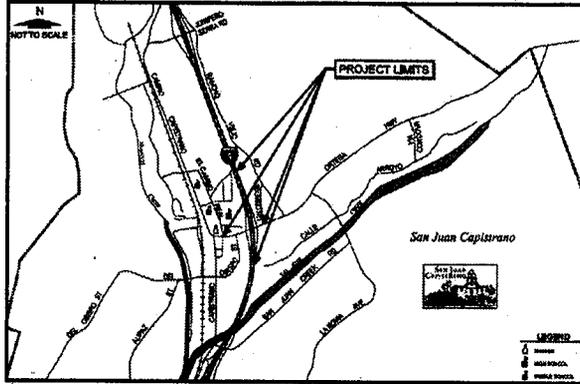
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**Lindsey Baguio**  
 949-454-7363 lbaguio@ocregister.com

**RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA**  
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**John Crandall**  
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**SAN CLEMENTE**  
**Stingy with water:** Water-wise landscaping is the topic of a free workshop the city is offering from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the city's wastewater treatment plant, 380 Avenida Pico, Building N. Thirty seats are available. Call 949-361-8354 or e-mail

**Local 12 | Wednesday, June 4, 2008**

**SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO**  
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# Lake Forest projects costlier police services

## City staff members are projecting an increase of 5% in the next five years.

BY ALEJANDRA MOLINA  
 THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

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Police services are expected to take up the biggest chunk of the city's operating budget, at 34 percent in the 2008-09 fiscal year. The requested budget is \$13.1 million, a \$1.2 million increase from the current year.

They're rising for neighboring Laguna Hills, too, reflecting higher personnel costs in the Sheriff's Department.

Lake Forest city staff is projecting an increase in police services costs of 5 percent in the next five years.

contracts with the department for law enforcement - \$12.2 million is set aside for the contract.

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"As I remember, the police services budget used to be around 25 percent of our budget. It's now 34 percent," Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog said. "I'd like to see what the numbers were... to see if our historical basis of this city kind of jibes with that."

City Manager Robert Dunek said there has been a fundamental increase in the cost of

service from the Sheriff's Department and not necessarily an increase of personnel.

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Operating general fund expenditures are projected at \$32.3 million. The adopted budget amount for fiscal year 2007-08 was \$29.9 million.

According to city staff, the change was largely due to proposed new programs/positions and the increase in police costs associated with the renegotiation of the Sheriff's Department employment contract.

The city's proposed operating budget is slated for council adoption on June 17.

The Laguna Hills City Council recently approved an increase in the city's law enforcement agreement with the county for police services in the upcoming fiscal year.

The total cost for law enforcement services for fiscal year 2008-09 is \$6.5 million. City staff originally projected \$6.2 million.

The council voted last week to amend the budget for public safety for fiscal year 2008-09.

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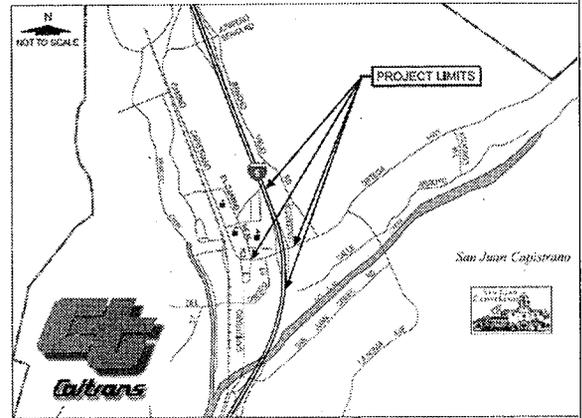


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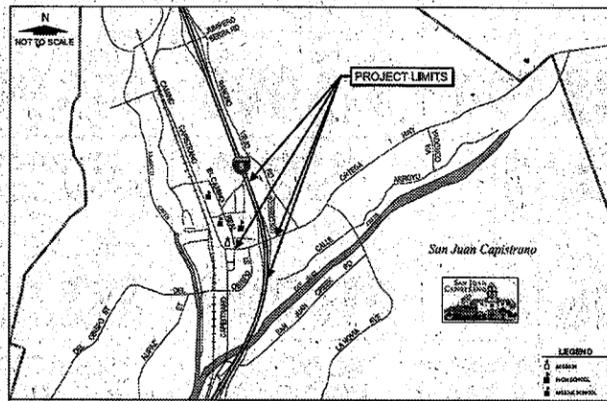
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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

COMPANY:	Orange County Public Library
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ATTENTION:	Nelda Stone

DATE:	May 13, 2008
JOB NO.-FILE:	646483
PROJECT:	I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange Improvement Project
SUBJECT:	Revised NOA for DEIR/EA
FROM:	Amy Walston

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- Report  Revised Public Notice  Standard Specifications  Photos  
 Project Plans  Change Order  CD  Calculations

COPIES	DATE	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	May	--	Revised Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment

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### REMARKS:

Nelda,  
In late March 2008, Michelle Wegener from my office transmitted to you a hard copy and CD copy of the I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (DEIR/EA) and related Notice of Availability regarding the public review period for the DEIR/EA. We had asked that you make the DEIR/EA available to the public at the library during the originally scheduled public review period from March 28, 2008 through May 12, 2008. Caltrans recently approved a 30-day extension of the public review period for the DEIR/EA and the new close of the public review period is now June 12, 2008. Enclosed is a Revised Notice of Availability which explains the extended public review period for the DEIR/EA. Please ensure that this Revised Notice of Availability and the DEIR/EA are available to the public at the library through June 12, 2008. Please contact me at (949) 263-9322 X271, if you have any questions.

Thank You,  
Amy Walston  
Principal Environmental Planner  
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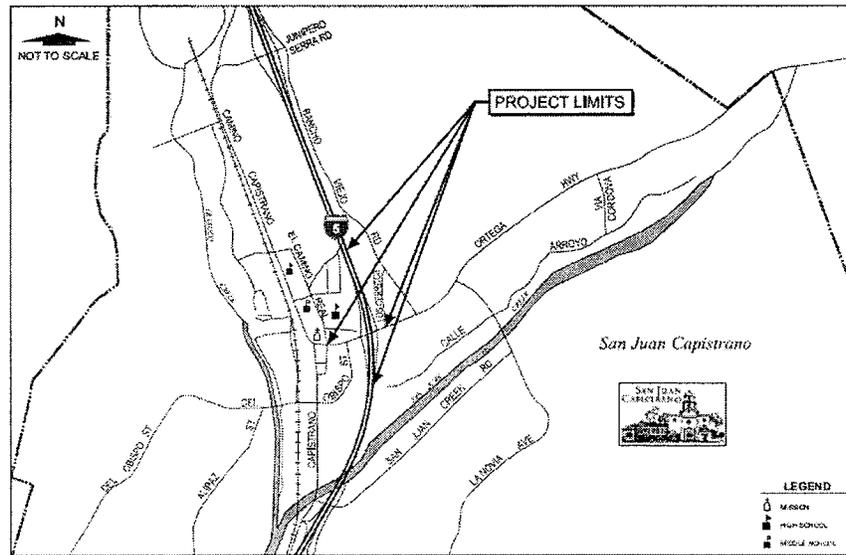
*If Enclosures are not as noted, kindly notify us at once.*



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Revised Notice of Availability

### Interstate 5/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment



#### ■ WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

CALTRANS, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, is proposing to reconfigure the Interstate 5 (I-5)/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) interchange located in the City of San Juan Capistrano.

#### ■ WHY THIS AD

CALTRANS has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Assessment (DEIR/EA) to document the proposed project's anticipated impacts and potential effects upon the environment. The original Notice of Availability and Announcement of Public Hearing for the DEIR/EA was issued on March 28, 2008. A public hearing was held on April 29, 2008 to provide interested parties the opportunity to review and comment on the DEIR/EA and speak with staff about the project before the Final EIR/EA is prepared and the final design is selected.

CALTRANS recently approved a 30-day extension of the public review period for the DEIR/EA. The original closing date of the public review period was May 12, 2008. The public review period has now been extended by thirty days, to close on June 12, 2008. This notice constitutes a Revised Notice of Availability for the DEIR/EA.

#### ■ WHAT'S AVAILABLE

Copies of the DEIR/EA and other project information will be available for review beginning March 28, 2008 during normal business hours at the following locations:

CALTRANS District 12 Office, 3337 Michelson Dr., Ste. 100, Irvine, CA 92612

City of San Juan Capistrano, Planning Services Department, 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

San Juan Capistrano Regional Library, 31495 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Online at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist12/5-74EIR.htm>

#### ■ WHERE YOU COME IN

Please send your comments during the **DEIR/EA public review period scheduled from March 28, 2008 to June 12, 2008 (new extended closing date)**. You can **send your written comments by June 12, 2008** to:

California Department of Transportation, Environmental Planning

Smita Deshpande, Environmental Branch Chief, Attn: Scott Shelley

3337 Michelson Dr., Ste. 380, Irvine, CA 92612-0661

Comments can also be submitted via email to: [5-74\\_interchange\\_EIR\\_D12@dot.ca.gov](mailto:5-74_interchange_EIR_D12@dot.ca.gov)

#### ■ CONTACT

To request a printed copy of the DEIR/EA (reproduction charges may apply), contact Amy Walston at (949) 263-9322 X271 or [amy.walston@parsons.com](mailto:amy.walston@parsons.com).

If you require documents in alternative formats, contact Amy Walston at (949) 263-9322 X271 or [amy.walston@parsons.com](mailto:amy.walston@parsons.com). TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

For more information about the project or DEIR/EA, please contact Nasser Abbaszadeh at (949) 443-6398 or [nabbaszadeh@sanjuancapistrano.org](mailto:nabbaszadeh@sanjuancapistrano.org).

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<b>DATE:</b>	March 27, 2008
<b>JOB NO.-FILE:</b>	646483
<b>PROJECT:</b>	I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange Improvements Project
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA)
<b>FROM:</b>	Michelle Wegener

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### THE FOLLOWING ENCLOSED ITEMS:

- Report  Shop Drawings  Standard Specifications  Photos  
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COPIES	DATE	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	Mar 2008	--	I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange Improvement Project Draft EIR/EA
1	Mar 2008	--	I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange Improvement Project Draft EIR/EA (CD)
1	Mar 2008	--	Notice of Availability (English and Spanish)

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### REMARKS:

Nelda,

Enclosed is a hard copy and CD copy of the I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange Improvement Project, Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment for your use. Please make this document available to the public during the public review period beginning March 28, 2008 through May 12, 2008. I have also enclosed a hard copy of the project's Notice of Availability in both English and Spanish. Please contact me at (949) 263-9322, ext. 268, or Amy Walston at (949) 263-9322, ext. 271, if you have any questions.

Best Regards,  
Michelle Wegener  
Environmental Planner  
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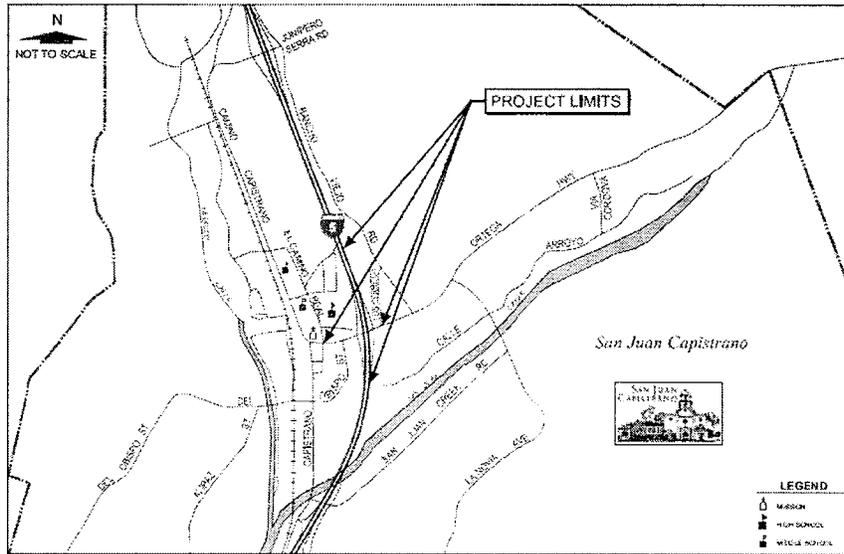
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Announcement of Public Hearing and Notice of Availability Interstate 5/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment



### ■ WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

CALTRANS, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, is proposing to reconfigure the Interstate 5 (I-5)/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) interchange located in the City of San Juan Capistrano.

### ■ WHY THIS AD

CALTRANS has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Assessment (DEIR/EA) to document the proposed project's anticipated impacts and potential effects upon the environment. A public hearing will be held to provide interested parties the opportunity to review and comment on the DEIR/EA and speak with staff about the project before the Final EIR/EA is prepared and the final design is selected.

### ■ WHAT'S AVAILABLE

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Online at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist12/5-74EIR.htm>

### ■ WHERE YOU COME IN

Please attend the **public hearing on April 29, 2008** and/or send your comments during the 45-day **DEIR/EA public review period scheduled from March 28, 2008 to May 12, 2008**. If you cannot attend the public hearing, you can **send your written comments by May 12, 2008** to:

California Department of Transportation, Environmental Planning  
Smita Deshpande, Environmental Branch Chief, Attn: Scott Shelley  
3337 Michelson Dr., Ste. 380, Irvine, CA 92612-0661

Comments can also be submitted via email to: [5-74\\_interchange\\_EIR\\_D12@dot.ca.gov](mailto:5-74_interchange_EIR_D12@dot.ca.gov)

### ■ WHEN AND WHERE

**Public Hearing: April 29, 2008, 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

City of San Juan Capistrano, City Council Chambers, 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Open House: 5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

Introductions/Project Overview: 6:30 P.M.

### ■ CONTACT

To request a printed copy of the DEIR/EA (reproduction charges may apply), contact Amy Walston at (949) 263-9322 X271 or [amy.walston@parsons.com](mailto:amy.walston@parsons.com).

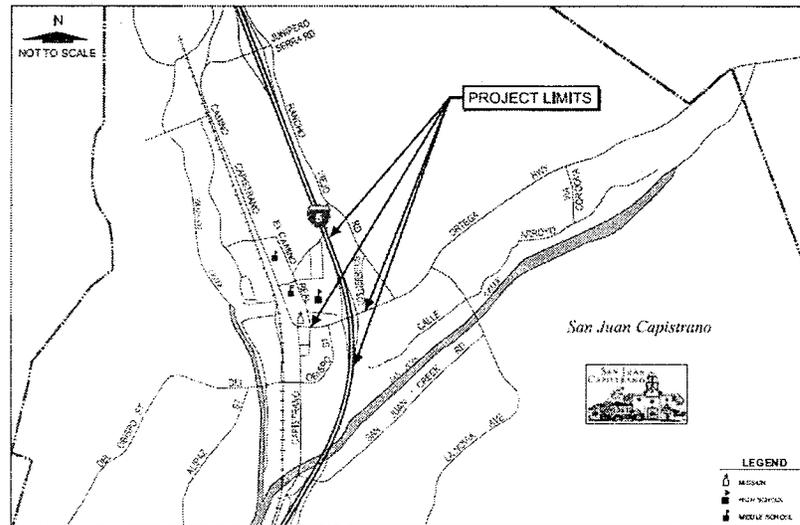
If you require documents in alternative formats or special accommodations for the public hearing, contact Amy Walston at (949) 263-9322 X271 or [amy.walston@parsons.com](mailto:amy.walston@parsons.com) prior to the hearing. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

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# AVISO PÚBLICO

## Comunicado de Audiencia Pública y Aviso de Disponibilidad Proyecto de Mejora de Intercambio de la Interestatal 5/Ruta Estatal 74 (Ortega Highway) Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental/Valoración Ambiental



### ■ QUÉ SE PLANEA

CALTRANS, en cooperación con la Ciudad de San Juan Capistrano, está proponiendo reconfigurar la intersección entre la Interestatal 5 (I-5) y la Ruta Estatal 74 (Ortega Highway), localizada en la Ciudad de San Juan Capistrano.

### ■ POR QUÉ ESTE ANUNCIO

CALTRANS ha preparado un Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental/Valoración Ambiental (DEIR/EA, por sus siglas en inglés) para documentar los impactos anticipados y los posibles efectos en el medio ambiente del proyecto propuesto. Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo para brindarle a las partes interesadas la oportunidad de revisar y comentar el DEIR/EA y hablar con el personal sobre el proyecto antes de preparar el documento final del EIR/EA y seleccionar el diseño final.

### ■ QUÉ ESTÁ DISPONIBLE

Copias del DEIR/EA y otra información del proyecto estarán disponibles para revisión a comienzos de 28 Marzo de 2008 durante horas de oficina en los siguientes lugares:

Oficina del Distrito 12 de CALTRANS, 3337 Michelson Dr., Ste. 100, Irvine, CA 92612

Ciudad de San Juan Capistrano, Departamento de Servicios de Planeación, 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Biblioteca Regional de San Juan Capistrano, 31495 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Por Internet en: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist12/5-74EIR.htm>

### ■ QUÉ ESPERAMOS DE USTED

Por favor asista a la **audiencia pública el 29 Abril, 2008** y/o envíe sus comentarios durante los 45 días del **periodo de revisión pública del DEIR/EA programado desde 28 Marzo de 2008 hasta 12 Mayo de 2008**. Si no puede asistir a la audiencia pública, puede **enviar sus comentarios por escrito antes del 12 Mayo de 2008** a:

California Department of Transportation, Environmental Planning  
Smita Deshpande, Environmental Branch Chief, Attn: Scott Shelley  
3337 Michelson Dr., Ste. 380, Irvine, CA 92612-0661

Los comentarios también se pueden enviar por correo electrónico a: [5-74\\_interchange\\_EIR\\_D12@dot.ca.gov](mailto:5-74_interchange_EIR_D12@dot.ca.gov)

### ■ CUÁNDO Y DÓNDE

**Audiencia Pública: 29 Abril de 2008, 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

Ciudad de San Juan Capistrano, City Council Chambers, 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Puertas abiertas: 5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

Introducciones/Resumen del proyecto: 6:30 P.M.

### ■ CONTACTO

Para solicitar una copia impresa del DEIR/EA (se pueden aplicar cargos por reproducción), comuníquese con Amy Walston al (949) 263-9322 X271 o por correo electrónico [amy.walston@parsons.com](mailto:amy.walston@parsons.com).

Si necesita documentos en formatos alternativos o alojamiento especial para la audiencia pública, comuníquese con Amy Walston al (949) 263-9322 X271 o por correo electrónico [amy.walston@parsons.com](mailto:amy.walston@parsons.com) antes de la audiencia. Los usuarios de TDD pueden comunicarse con la línea TDD de Servicio de Relé de California al 1-800-735-2929 o a la Línea de Voz al 1-800-735-2922.

Para más información sobre el proyecto o del DEIR/EA, por favor comuníquese con Nasser Abbaszadeh al (949) 443-6398 o a su correo electrónico [nabbaszadeh@sanjuancapistrano.org](mailto:nabbaszadeh@sanjuancapistrano.org).