

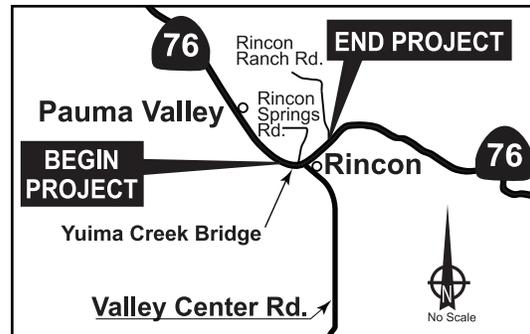


NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

of Draft Initial Study / Environmental Assessment for the proposed State Route 76 / Valley Center Rd. Intersection Improvement Project and Notice of Public Hearing

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED? The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared this Draft Initial Study with proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Assessment (IS/EA), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed State Route 76 / Valley Center Road Intersection Improvement Project in San Diego County.

Caltrans is preparing this Draft IS/EA as the NEPA lead agency assuming responsibility for Federal Highway Administration pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327.



WHY THIS AD? Caltrans has studied the effects the project may have on the environment. Our studies show that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the included mitigation measures. The IS/EA, which discusses potential project impacts, has been prepared. This notice is to inform you of the IS/EA and its availability for review and notice of a public hearing. Caltrans intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for this project pending completion of the public review period that started June 9, 2014 and ends July 10, 2014. This does not mean that Caltrans' decision regarding the project is final. This document is subject to modification based on comments received by interested agencies and the public.

ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING: There will be no formal presentation. This will be an "Open Forum" hearing where you will have the opportunity to speak directly with Caltrans representatives about the project and its environmental impacts. All substantive comments will be addressed in the final environmental document.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE: The draft IS/EA is available for review at the Caltrans District Office located at 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and online at www.dot.ca.gov/dist11. The IS/EA is currently in public circulation and interested members of the public may review it at the following San Diego locations: Escondido Public Library, 239 S Kalmia Street, Escondido, CA 92025; San Diego Central Library, 330 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101; Valley Center Branch Library, 29200 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center, CA 92082; Valley Center History Museum, 29200 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center, CA 92082; and Pala Library, 2003 Pala Mission Road, Pala, CA 92059.

WHERE YOU COME IN: Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Do you agree with the findings? Your comments will become part of the public record. Please submit your comments during the public review period by July 10, 2014. If you wish to submit written comments please send them to Allie Scrivener, Caltrans District 11, 4050 Taylor Street, MS: 242, San Diego, CA 92110.

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, June 26, 2014, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Pauma Valley Community Center
16650 Highway 76, Pauma Valley, CA 92061

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign or Foreign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the **District 11 Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670** at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. **TTY users** may contact the **California Relay Service TTY line at (800) 735-2929 or 711**.

CONTACT: For more information about this project, please contact Allie Scrivener, Environmental Planner, Branch A, at (619) 688-0192. For general information about transportation issues, please call the Caltrans Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670.