



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration,  
Announcement of a Public Information Meeting,  
and Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing

## Interstate 215 Widening from Scott Road to Nuevo Road



<p><b>WHAT'S BEING PLANNED</b></p>	<p>The California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS), in cooperation with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), proposes to widen Interstate 215 (I-215) from Scott Road to Nuevo Road in Riverside County, California. For the proposed project, I-215 would be widened from two to three lanes in both the northbound and southbound directions by adding a third mixed-flow lane. The proposed project is expected to relieve congestion by improving capacity and operational characteristics on I-215 within the project limits. Such improvements are consistent with State, regional, and local transportation plans.</p>
<p><b>WHY THIS AD?</b></p>	<p>CALTRANS has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment with the incorporation of mitigation measures and measures of avoidance. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA). This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and IS/EA and of its availability for you to read, and to offer the opportunity for a public hearing. This notice also serves as notification that the project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including the localized impact analysis for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Air Quality Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). An explicit PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because the Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis.</p>
<p><b>WHAT'S AVAILABLE?</b></p>	<p>Maps for the IS/EA and other project information are available for review and copying at the CALTRANS District 8 Office, located at 464 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, in San Bernardino, weekdays between 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM from October 18 to November 17, 2010. Obtaining a copy will require a public records request, submitted to the District 8 Office of Public Affairs. A copying fee may be assessed. The Proposed MND and IS/EA are also available at the Riverside County Transportation Commission (4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor), the Paloma Valley Branch Library (31375 Bradley Road, Menifee), and the Cesar E. Chavez Library (163 E. San Jacinto, Perris).</p>
<p><b>WHERE YOU COME IN</b></p>	<p>Do you have any comments about processing the project with an MND and IS/EA? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed MND and IS/EA? Would you care to make any other comments on the project or the project-level conformity analysis? Would you like a public hearing? Please submit your comments or requests for a public hearing in writing no later than November 17, 2010 to Senior Environmental Planner, Environmental Branch Chief, Attn: Russell Williams, Department of Transportation, Environmental Studies A, 464 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, MS-823, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400; or submit comments via email to <a href="mailto:Russell_Williams@dot.ca.gov">Russell_Williams@dot.ca.gov</a>. Please use "I-215 Widening Project" in the subject line of the email. The date we will begin accepting comments is October 18, 2010. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, CALTRANS will approve the environmental document and proceed with the project's design.</p>
<p><b>WHEN AND WHERE</b></p>	<p>A public information meeting regarding the project will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, from 5:30 to 8 PM at the Eastern Municipal Water District, 2270 Trumble Road, Perris, California 92572.</p>
<p><b>CONTACT/SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS</b></p>	<p>For more information about this study or any transportation matter, contact CALTRANS at (866) 383-4631 or by email at <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8">www.dot.ca.gov/dist8</a>. Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (866) 383-4631. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 711 and ask to be connected to (866) 383-4631.</p>