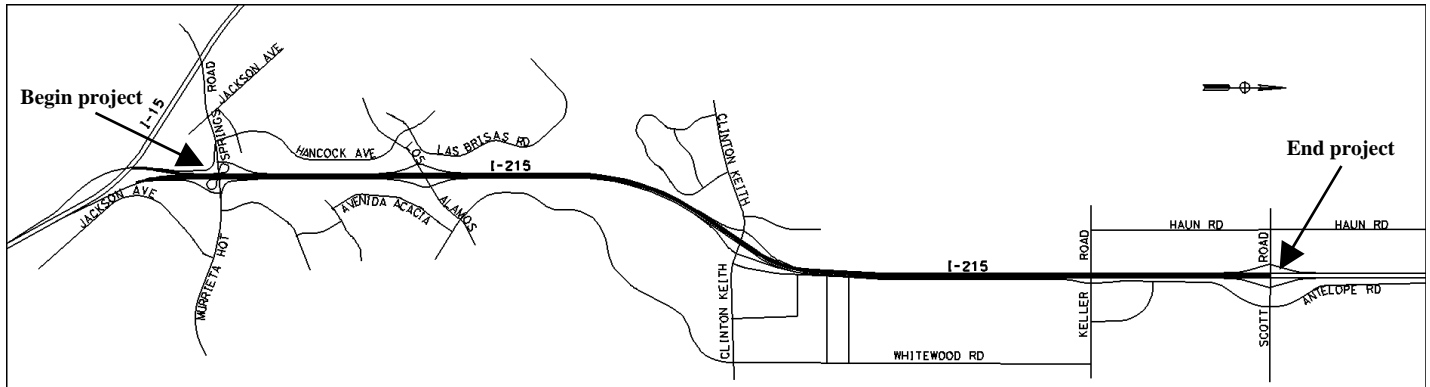




# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing Interstate 215 Widening from Murrieta Hot Springs Road to Scott Road



<p><b>WHAT'S BEING PLANNED</b></p>	<p>The California Department of Transportation (Department), in coordination with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), proposes to widen Interstate 215 (I-215) from Murrieta Hot Springs Road to Scott Road in Riverside County, California. For the proposed project the existing facility would be widened from two to three lanes in both the northbound and southbound directions by adding a third mixed flow lane within the median, as well as overlaying the remainder of the existing facility with asphalt concrete pavement within the project limits. The project is expected to relieve congestion by improving capacity and operational characteristics on the route 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. 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 the effects of the project is called an Initial Study (IS). This notice is to advise you of the preparation of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and availability of the IS for you to read, comment, and 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>The proposed MND and IS, and other project information, is available for review 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 June 2 to July 2, 2008. Obtaining a copy will require a public records request, submitted to the District 8 Office of Public Affairs. A copying fee may be assessed. Copies of the proposed MND and IS are also available for review at the Riverside County Transportation Commission (4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor) and the Murrieta Public Library (Eight Town Square, 24700 Adams Avenue).</p>
<p><b>WHERE YOU COME IN</b></p>	<p>Do you have any comments about processing the project with an MND and the IS? Do you disagree with the findings of the studies as set forth in the Proposed MND? 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 comments or requests for a public hearing in writing no later than July 2, 2008 to Russell Williams, Office Chief, Environmental Planning Oversight, Department of Transportation, Division of Environmental Planning, 464 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, MS 1163, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400; or submit comments via email to <a href="mailto:D08I215WideningProject@dot.ca.gov">D08I215WideningProject@dot.ca.gov</a>. The date we will begin accepting comments is June 2, 2008. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will approve the environmental document and proceed with the project's design. A public meeting regarding the project will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, from 5:30 to 8 PM at the Vista Murrieta High School, 28251 Clinton Keith Road, Murrieta, California 92563.</p>
<p><b>CONTACT/SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS</b></p>	<p>The Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs Office may be contacted at (909) 383-4631 or by email at <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8">www.dot.ca.gov/dist8</a>. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Caltrans will provide documentation in alternate formats to individuals with disabilities. To obtain such services, please contact the District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-835-0373 or the District 8 TTY at (909) 383-6300.</p>