

## WHAT IS THE PROJECT SCHEDULE?

The Project is currently completing tasks scheduled for 2007. This includes the preparation of the Draft Technical Reports. Draft reports have been submitted for agency review. When the Final Technical Reports are completed, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environment Impact Report (EIS/EIR) will be prepared. It is during the preparation of the Draft EIS/EIR that the evaluation of a preferred alternative for the Project will be considered. Then, the Draft EIS/EIR will be released for public review. Our next public meeting will occur when the Draft EIS/EIR has been submitted for public review. RCTC will be accepting comments on the Draft EIS/EIR during this period. Then, the Final EIS/EIR will be prepared to respond to public comments and to document the Project alternative that has been selected.

## WHO ARE THE PROJECT PARTNERS?

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the County of Riverside, and the cities of Hemet and San Jacinto are all partners in this Project.

## WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT SURVEYS?

The majority of the Project survey work has been completed! RCTC would like to thank all of the property owners that cooperated during this field survey effort. There are just a few surveys left to complete. These remaining surveys are for cultural resources and geotechnical work.



## WHAT IS THE SR-79 REALIGNMENT PROJECT?

The SR-79 Realignment Project (Project) proposes to realign SR-79 between Domenigoni Parkway and Gilman Springs Road. Currently, the highway follows a circuitous north-south route through the downtown areas of Hemet and San Jacinto and needs improvements in efficiency, safety and capacity. The Project would realign the highway to provide a more direct route within the San Jacinto Valley. Regional motorists will be able to use a direct, north-south route while residents of Hemet and San Jacinto will enjoy better mobility on local streets.



## WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE SR-79 REALIGNMENT PROJECT?

The Project alternatives have recently been revised, reducing the number of alternatives from three to two. In November 2006, a Q&A Sheet #3 was distributed identifying the three Project corridors under consideration. Since that time, the City of Hemet has been working on updating their General Plan. As part of that process and with much consideration, Hemet has decided to de-designate the Locally Preferred Alternative included in the city's 1992 General Plan. This alignment was represented as Corridor 3, identified on the Project location map. This decision was made by the City of Hemet City Council. The federal agency responses to Hemet's action are located on the Project website. Go to [www.sr79project.info](http://www.sr79project.info) and click on the link "Federal Letters on Removal of Corridor 3" under the heading Library/Links to review these letters. As a result of this decision, Corridor 3 is being removed from the Project and will no longer be studied.

You can review the portion of the Project being removed from further study by reviewing the Project location map on the inside of this Q&A Sheet. The portions of the alignment being removed are shown in red. Only Corridors 1 and 2 (the potential corridor alignments shown in orange), remain for further study. This decision means the technical reports, draft environmental document, and draft engineering report to be prepared based solely on Corridors 1 and 2. This will simplify the analysis of the Project, as well as the future decision on the final preferred alternative for the Project.



### 2004-2006

- ✓ Conduct Scoping Meetings (Fall 2004)
- ✓ Evaluate and Redefine Alternatives
- ✓ Conduct Field Surveys

✓ Completed

### 2007

- Prepare Technical Reports
- Prepare Draft EIS/EIR

→ In Progress

### 2008-2009

- Circulate Draft EIS/EIR
- Conduct Public Hearings
- Identify Preferred Alternative
- Circulate Final EIS/EIR
- Begin Final Engineering Design

### 2010-2011

- Acquire Right-of-Way
- Complete Final Design
- Begin Construction

## WHO CAN I CONTACT ABOUT THE SR-79 REALIGNMENT PROJECT?

If you have comments or questions about the SR-79 Realignment Project email us through our website at [www.sr79project.info](http://www.sr79project.info) or call (951) 787-7141. You may also write to:

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# SR-79 REALIGNMENT PROJECT

A project of the Riverside County Transportation Commission

## WHAT ARE THE CURRENT PROJECT ALTERNATIVES?

The current Project alternatives still under review consist of Corridors 1 and 2 and are shown on the Project location map to the right. Both Corridors 1 and 2 begin south of Domenigoni Parkway and end immediately south of the San Jacinto River on Sanderson Avenue. There are four areas where Corridors 1 and 2 are different. There are two main choices in the south near the community of Winchester. To the south of Florida Avenue in the City of Hemet, the alignments differ by going through the hills or around them to the west. At Esplanade Avenue, one alignment crosses Esplanade Avenue west of Warren Road while the other crosses Esplanade Avenue east of Warren Road. In the north in San Jacinto, one alignment is closer to Sanderson Avenue, while the other is closer to Warren Road.

The locations along the roadway for potential intersection or interchange locations are shown on the Project location map as blue dots. These locations would be the only areas where drivers would be able to access the realigned SR-79 once constructed. The Project location map is also posted on the Project website: go to [www.sr79project.info](http://www.sr79project.info) and click on "Location Map."



## HAS A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE PROJECT?

Currently, a preferred alternative has not been selected for the Project. The Project partners have been coordinating on the remaining alignments for Corridors 1 and 2.

The City of San Jacinto has identified their preference for a Locally Preferred Alternative for the Project. It is shown on the Project location map to the right as a yellow line with a blue center. This is the eastern most alignment in the City of San Jacinto, near Sanderson Avenue.

The City of Hemet is currently in the process of updating their General Plan, but has not yet selected a Locally Preferred Alternative. The County of Riverside has also not selected a Locally Preferred Alternative.

The review of a preferred alternative for the Project will begin when all of the technical studies have been completed. These studies will not be completed until the spring of 2008.

