



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Interstate 215/Keller Road New Interchange Project

Announcement of a Virtual Public Scoping Meeting



<p>WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?</p>	<p>The City of Murrieta (City), in cooperation with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8, County of Riverside (County) and the City of Menifee, proposes a new full interchange and auxiliary lanes at Interstate 215 (I-215) and Keller Road in Riverside County. The project also includes widening and/or striping along Keller Road between Zeiders Road to the west and to Whitewood/Menifee Road to the east. Four (4) alternatives have been identified for further evaluation: Alternative 1 (No-Build Alternative), Alternative 2 (Spread Diamond), Alternative 3 (Partial Cloverleaf), and Alternative 5 (Roundabout). The purpose of this project is to accommodate forecasted traffic demand and provide improved connectivity to the regional transportation system. The project is located in the City of Murrieta just east of the City of Menifee. Along Keller Road, the project limits are from Zeiders Road to Whitewood Rd. Along I-215, the project limits are from north of Clinton Keith Interchange to south of Scott Road Interchange.</p>
<p>WHY THIS AD?</p>	<p>This public notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA). An Initial Study (IS) was drafted for the project; Caltrans determined through the IS process that an EIR/EA was recommended and would be prepared. Additionally, a date, time and location has been identified for a public scoping meeting (Virtual Zoom Meeting) with a presentation of the project by Caltrans staff before the Draft EIR/EA is prepared. A future public hearing will be scheduled once the Draft EIR/EA is prepared and available for public review.</p>
<p>WHAT'S AVAILABLE</p>	<p>The NOP will be available starting on October 5, 2022, for review and copying (for a fee) at the Caltrans District 8 Office, 464 W 4th Street, MS-830, San Bernardino, CA 92401, on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Due to COVID-19 protocols, please provide a minimum 24-hour notice prior to visiting the District office to view available documents. The NOP is also available at the following locations during normal business hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murrieta City Hall: 1 Town Square, Murrieta, CA 92562 • Murrieta Public Library: 8 Town Square, Murrieta, CA 92562 <p>Electronic copies can be requested at 215NewKellerRdlC@dot.ca.gov.</p>
<p>WHERE YOU COME IN</p>	<p>Please submit comments in writing no later than 5:00 PM, November 21, 2022 to: Tatiana Torres, Environmental Planner, Office of Environmental Studies "D", California Department of Transportation, District 8, 464 W. 4th Street, MS 820, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400, or via e-mail to 215NewKellerRdlC@dot.ca.gov. The date we will begin accepting comments is October 5, 2022.</p>
<p>WHEN & WHERE?</p>	<p>A virtual public scoping meeting will be held on the following date and location to give you an opportunity to talk about the project with City and Caltrans staff:</p> <p>Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM</p> <p>Via Zoom at https://zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID: 864-2605-6850 and Passcode: 2151019 (Name and email address will be required to join meeting)</p> <p>Via phone at +1 669-444-9171</p> <p>Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact Tatiana Torres at (909) 260-5191, 215NewKellerRdlC@dot.ca.gov at least 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.</p>
<p>CONTACT</p>	<p>For more information about this project or any transportation matter, please contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document may be made available in Braille, large print, audiocassette, or a computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these formats, please contact Tatiana Torres via phone (909) 260-5191 or by email at 215NewKellerRdlC@dot.ca.gov. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 854-7784 (From or to Speech to Speech) or dial 711.</p>