

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE MORENO VALLEY TO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CORRIDOR EIR WITHIN WESTERN RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Moreno Valley to San Bernardino County Corridor Study.

The main purpose of the study is to identify specific transportation solutions that can improve mobility between State Route 60 (SR-60) and Interstate 10 (I-10). Due to the fast pace of development in this area, opportunities are being lost to preserve land for new or expanded transportation facilities.

The objective of the proposed EIR is to provide environmental analysis and disclosure of potential impacts related to proposed transportation improvements within the area generally bounded by I-10, Riverside Avenue (west of Interstate 215), and SR-60 to allow agencies to proceed with the preservation of transportation facilities within local planning documents. Actual construction of the improvements may be a number of years away. More detailed environmental analysis and supplemental environmental documentation will be required prior to construction of any new or expanded facilities identified through this study.

WHY THESE MEETINGS?

This is the first step in completing the draft EIR document. SANBAG and RCTC invite interested individuals, organizations, State, and local agencies to provide information about the project area as well as to give them an opportunity to discuss issues or questions they may have about the proposed facilities. An information packet describing the purpose of the project, the project location, and the environmental study area is being mailed to relevant federal, State, regional, and local agencies. Information will be available to the public at the scoping meetings on June 4 and 5, 2003. Information packets may also be requested by contacting Cathy Bechtel (RCTC) or Ty Schuiling (SANBAG). If you would like to be placed on the project mailing list, please send your name and address to Cathy Bechtel (RCTC) or Ty Schuiling (SANBAG). Ms. Bechtel's and Mr. Schuiling's contact information is provided below.

WHERE YOU COME IN

Public Comments: Comments should focus on specific social, economic, or environmental concerns. Written comments on the scope of project and impacts to be considered in the EIR document should be submitted to Cathy Bechtel (RCTC) or Ty Schuiling (SANBAG)

by June 13, 2003. Written comments may also be submitted at the public scoping meetings on June 4 and 5, 2003. Public comments received will become part of the public record, and each comment will be considered in the environmental document. People with special needs should contact Cathy Bechtel (RCTC) or Ty Schuiling (SANBAG) at the contact information below. The meeting locations are accessible for people with disabilities.

WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE

The public scoping meetings for the Moreno Valley to San Bernardino County Corridor EIR will be held in an "open-house format," and project representatives will be available to discuss the project throughout the meetings. No formal presentations will be made at the meeting. Informational displays and written materials will be available at the scoping meetings or by request from Cathy Bechtel (RCTC) or Ty Schuiling (SANBAG).

The date, time and location of the scoping meetings:

Wednesday, June 4, 2003, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**City of Loma Linda Senior Center
25571 Barton Road
Loma Linda, California 92354
RTA Bus Route 25
Omnitrans Bus Routes 2, 8, 9, and 19**

Thursday, June 5, 2003, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**City of Moreno Valley City Hall
14177 Frederick
Moreno Valley, California 92552
RTA Bus Routes 16, 17, and 20**

Please contact Riverside Transit Agency for bus times at 1.800.800.7821 or contact Omnitrans at 1.800.966.6428

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