

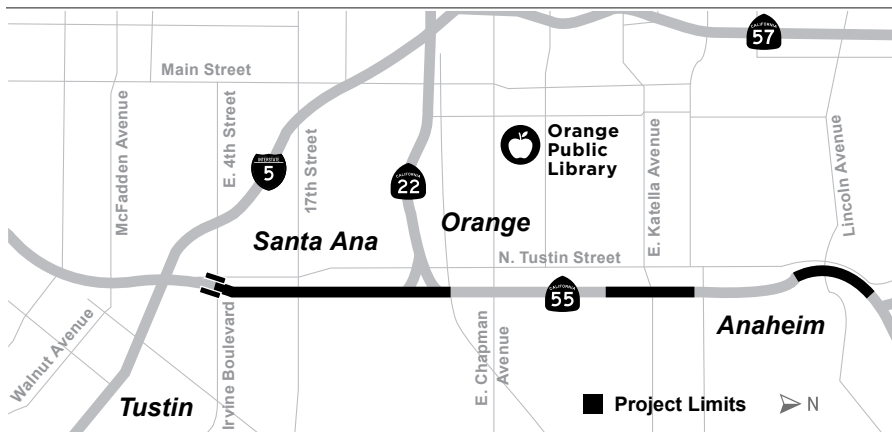


PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE ROUTE 55 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(Between I-5 and SR-91)



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration Notice of Availability of an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment Study Results Available Announcement of Public Hearing (Open House Format)



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12, in cooperation with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), is studying proposed improvements to State Route 55 (SR-55) between Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 91 (SR-91), Post Mile (PM) 10.4 to R17.9, in the cities of Anaheim, Orange, Tustin and Santa Ana in Orange County. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce congestion, improve mobility, increase freeway capacity and improve traffic operations.

The alternatives under consideration are "Alternative 1" (No Build Alternative) and "Alternative 2" (additional general-purpose lanes and ramp modifications).

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show this project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains this is called an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA). This notice tells you of the availability of the draft IS/EA with a proposed Negative Declaration (ND). A public hearing (open house format) will be held to give you an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and potential impacts before an alternative is recommended and approved.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The proposed ND and IS/EA and other project information are available for review and copying (for a fee) at the Caltrans District 12 Office at 1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The proposed ND and IS/EA are also available for review at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Orange Public Library, 407 East Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA 92866
- Charles P. Taft Branch Library, 740 East Taft Avenue, Orange CA 92865
- Tustin Branch Library, 345 East Main Street, Tustin CA 92780
- Santa Ana Public Library, 26 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana CA 92701

In addition, an electronic version of the documents can be requested at D12SR55NorthProject@dot.ca.gov.

WHERE YOU COME IN

You have the opportunity to ask questions, receive information and share comments with OCTA and Caltrans' staff about the proposed project, findings and processing the project as the proposed ND and IS/EA. Please submit your comments in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 to Charles Baker, Caltrans District 12, Division of Environmental Analysis, 1750 E. 4th Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705 or via email to D12SR55NorthProject@dot.ca.gov. We will begin accepting comments on Monday, September 30, 2019. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

WHEN AND WHERE?

A public hearing (open house format) will be held:

DATE:	Wednesday, October 16, 2019
TIME:	Stop by anytime between 6 – 8 p.m.
LOCATION:	Orange Public Library, Community Rooms A/B 407 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA 92866

CONTACT

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 12 Public Information Office by phone at 1 (657) 328-6000 or by email at D12SR55NorthProject@dot.ca.gov. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1 (800) 735-2929 or Voice Line at 1 (800) 735-2922. For more information about this study, please call OCTA Public Outreach at 1 (800) 724-0353 or visit the project webpage at www.octa.net/SR55north.