

Commuter Alert

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State Route 74 Lane Widening Near Lake Elsinore

Weeknight Full Closures October 18 through October 22

RIVERSIDE, CA – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues work on State Route 74 (SR-74) in Riverside County from the Riverside and Orange County border to Monte Vista Street just west of Lake Elsinore. Crews will be performing underground roadwork excavation (drainage systems), grading, milling and paving, retainer wall prep work and clearing of vegetation in various locations throughout the project zone. The following will occur nightly, Monday through Friday:

One-way traffic control with flagging and pilot vehicles will be in place from 8 p.m. to 9:59 p.m. During the hours of 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., the route will be closed to **through** traffic. **Residents and commuters will need to utilize the alternate routes to go around the closure** each night **BEGINNING AT 10 p.m.** Access **through** the work zone will be prohibited during the previously stated hours.

This week, work will take place just west of the Live Oak Candy store and Ortega Oaks RV Park. All residents will have access to and from Lake Elsinore, by escorted pilot car, but no access to Orange County. To get to and from Orange County during these hours, through traffic, including residents, must utilize a detour route and go around.

Residents will be escorted in and out of the construction zones from their designated areas of access (OC or Lake Elsinore) and must wait for a pilot car. Be advised, you may experience long waits and delays due to construction operations. Please wait for the **designated pilot car** to escort you through the construction zone. Please obey all posted signs and traffic instructions, including the pilot escort car, as CHP will be on location and citing any offenders.

This is an ACTIVE construction zone! The contractor may be changing locations nightly, which will affect the direction of travel for residents that live within the construction zone.

Reminder: One-way traffic control with flagging and pilot vehicles will be in place from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. During the hours of 10:01 p.m. to 5 a.m., the route will be closed to **through** traffic, at the above-mentioned location, for roadway excavation operations. This work will occur Monday through Friday, nightly. **It is advised to use an alternative route to avoid these long delays such as SR-91 and I-15 and the I-5.**



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The availability of alternate routes within this area of SR 74 may change – meaning, the construction zone will change nightly resulting in, some areas not having access to Orange County or Lake Elsinore, and vice versa. Please plan ahead. A new commuter alert will be issued with locations of full closure as soon as the location of work is determined.

Any day work required will occur from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a flagging operation to assist in traffic control.

October: There are NO 55-hour weekend closures scheduled.

For up to date information and to sign up for commuter alerts, please go to the website: [SR-74 Ortega Widening Project](#).

Use caution and expect delays during construction hours. Law enforcement will be on scene to assist with traffic control. Remember to reduce your speed in and surrounding the work zone. Be advised, weather may affect construction schedule.

Know before you go! To stay on top of roadwork in the Inland Empire go to [Caltrans District 8](#) and sign up for commuter alerts. Follow us for the latest information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). To assist in planning your commute, view live traffic conditions using [QuickMap](#) and [planned lane closures](#).

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