

Commuter Alert

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State Route 74 Lane Widening Near Lake Elsinore *Weekend Closure August 13 - August 16*

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. Weather permitting.

A full 55-hour weekend closure will begin this Friday, August 13 at 9:00 p.m. and continue to Monday, August 16 at 4:00 a.m. The main closure will take place just east of Tenaja Truck Trail. Traffic control with flagging will be in effect from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to assist motorists during construction set-up. Crews will be performing underground roadwork excavation, grading, milling and paving.

- Residents on Tenaja Truck Trail and west of Tenaja Truck Trail, including the Ortega Oaks RV Park and Campground and The Candy Store will be directed to Orange County and will need to utilize the I-5 to SR-55 to SR-91 to the I-15 to gain access to Lake Elsinore. These residents can only access their residences from the Orange County side. ***See map on next page.**
- Residents east of Tenaja Truck Trail will be directed to Lake Elsinore and will need to utilize the I-15 to SR-91 to gain access to OC. These residents can only access their residences from the Lake Elsinore side. ***See map on next page.**
- A designated pilot car **FOR RESIDENTS ONLY** will be on site to escort residents to their homes and in and out of the construction zone. Be advised: Extreme wait times up to and possibly exceeding two hours are expected. Have proof of residency available.
- Be advised:** There will be **pilot cars for both the Orange County, District 12, closure and the Riverside**, District 8, closure to escort residents. Have proof of residency available.
- There will be signs placed at each end of the project stating the road is closed to **through traffic. NO ACCESS FROM OC TO LAKE ELSINORE AND VICE/VERSA.** No through traffic, only escorted residents to and from on their designated.

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- Please obey all posted signs and traffic instructions, including the pilot escort car, as CHP will be on location and citing any offenders

Designated Alternate Routes



Weekend 55-hour closures will take place every other weekend; August 13-16 and August 27 – 30 with anticipated additional full 55-hour weekend closures and nightly full closures for the duration of the project. A future schedule is forthcoming. All schedules are subject to change.

Be advised that 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.

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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