

Commuter Alert



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State Route 74 Lane Widening Near Lake Elsinore Weeknight Full Closures in Place September 27 through October 1

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.

Monday, September 27 will have pilot vehicle. Tuesday through Friday - Full Closures
All weeknight closures are from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

- One-way traffic control with flagging and pilot vehicles will be in place for all motorists on Monday only. Residents and commuters **will have through access via pilot car on Monday, September 27.**
- **Be advised:** You may experience delays of approximately 30 minutes while waiting for the pilot car. Please wait for the **designated pilot car** to escort you through the construction zone. This includes residents waiting for the pilot car to come to your driveways to the main highway.

Tuesday, September 28 through Friday, October 1- Full weeknight closures from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Closure locations listed below.

No **through** traffic allowed during these days and hours. All motorists (no exceptions) will be turned around at 10:00 p.m., alternate routes must be utilized to go around the closure to get to your destinations. There will be no exceptions allowed.

Tuesday – Wednesday: RV Park / Campground and Candy Store: Access to and from Orange County. All residents from Tenaja Truck Trail and east of Tenaja Truck Trail: Access to and from Lake Elsinore.

Thursday – Friday: All residents from the Candy Store and east of the Candy Store: Access to and from Lake Elsinore.

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Residents (who live in the project zone) must show proof of residency and will be escorted in and out of the construction zones to and from their designated areas of access (OC or Lake Elsinore).

Please remember 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: Crews will continue to work in various locations throughout the project zone. **One-way traffic control with flagging and pilot vehicles will be in place from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 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 locations, for roadway excavation operations. It is advised to use an alternative route to avoid these long delays such as SR-91 and I-15 and the I-5.

Be advised, you may experience long waits, up to and possibly exceeding 2-hours, due to construction operations. Please wait for the **designated pilot car** to escort you through the construction zone to and from your residence. Please obey all posted signs and traffic instructions, including the pilot escort car, as CHP will be on location and citing any offenders.

Reminder: 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.

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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