

Commuter Alert

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For Immediate Release

**State Route 74 Lane Widening
Near Lake Elsinore
Weekend Closure
*March 11 - 14***

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 St., just west of Lake Elsinore. Crews will be performing underground roadwork excavation (drainage systems), grading, milling, and paving, retainer wall prep work, rock excavation, and clearing of vegetation in various locations throughout the project zone.

A full 55-hour weekend closure will begin at 9:00 pm on Friday, March 11 and continue to 4:00 am on Monday, March 14. All residents will be directed to Lake Elsinore with no access to Orange County.

One-way traffic control with flagging and pilot vehicles will be in place from 8 p.m. to 8:59 p.m. At 9 p.m., the route will fully close to all through traffic. Residents and commuters will need to utilize the alternate routes to go around the closure. Access **through** the work zone will be prohibited.

Work will take place at various locations on SR 74. **Please note:** All Residents from the Orange County Line to Decker Canyon & El Cariso Road, will be given access under pilot car, to and from Lake Elsinore. No access will be given from the Ortega Oaks RV Park and Campground/Candy Store to Orange County.

Residents will be escorted in and out of the construction zones from their designated area of access (Lake Elsinore) under pilot car. Non-residents must use an alternate route.

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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. The route will be closed to **through** traffic at the above-mentioned location, for roadway excavation operations. This work will occur Friday to Monday. **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 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.

The availability of alternate routes within this area of SR 74 may change – meaning, the construction zone will change daily. 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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