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Public Invited to Offer Feedback about Proposed Extension of I-15 Express Lanes to Lake Elsinore

Let us know what you think. The Riverside County Transportation Commission and Caltrans are seeking public comments about a proposed project to extend the Interstate 15 Express Lanes currently under construction by an additional 14.5 miles, from Cajalco Road in Corona, through Temescal Valley, to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore.

This project proposes to add capacity by adding two express lanes in both directions within the highway median to accommodate growing traffic volumes in southwestern Riverside County. The new express lanes would not replace any existing lanes. s

"Public comments are important to us as we prepare to study this project in detail. We encourage residents and commuters to tell us their opinions about this proposed project. We want everyone to have a voice in this process," said RCTC Chair and Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington.

Three meetings will be held next month from 6 to 8 p.m. in an open house format to start the preliminary engineering and environmental phase of the I-15 Express Lanes

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Project Southern Extension. Although no formal presentations will be made, project staff will be on hand to share information and answer questions. The content at the meetings will be the same, so the public can attend the meeting that is most convenient for them. Meetings will be held:

- November 12, Temescal Valley Elementary School, 22950 Claystone Ave., Corona
- November 13, Eagle Glen Golf Club, 1800 Eagle Glen Pkwy., Corona
- November 14, Ortega High School, 520 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore

An "online meeting" option also will be available for a 30-day period. From October 21 to November 22, visit rctc.org/15expsouth and go to the online meeting page to view exhibits and submit comments through the webpage.

During the public comment period, attendees can submit comments several ways:

- At the meeting, using a printed comment card or by providing verbal comments to the court reporter
- By email, <u>15expsouth@dot.ca.gov</u>
- Through the project webpage, <u>rctc.org/15expsouth</u> Click on the "Submit Comment" button
- By U.S. mail:

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