The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Riverside County Transportation Commission, the City of Hemet, the City of San Jacinto, and the County of Riverside is proposing to realign approximately 18 miles of State Route 79 (SR-79) in the cities of Hemet and San Jacinto and unincorporated Riverside County. The project would begin approximately 1.26 miles south of Domingonigoni Parkway and end south of the San Jacinto River. The realigned highway would be constructed as a limited access, four-lane expressway, with two travel lanes in each direction separated by a median. Four Build alternatives, two design options, and a No Build Alternative are evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Four Build alternatives propose to realign SR-79 in several segments with the same alignments as two of the Build alternatives, but would be lower in elevation from Domingonigoni Parkway to Florida Avenue.

The proposed work may have an effect on historic properties that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Caltrans is evaluating alternatives to determine if the project can avoid adversely affecting the property(ies) or, if not, to identify adequate mitigation measures that can be incorporated into the project plans.

Anticipated federal approvals include air quality conformity, Section 7 consultation for threatened and endangered species, and a Clean Water Act Section 404 Individual Permit. State approvals are also expected, including a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

You can review a hard copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement at the Caltrans District 8 office at 464 West Fourth Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92401; and the San Jacinto Public Library, 500 Idyllwild Drive, San Jacinto, CA 92583. An electronic copy is available online at [http://www.sr79project.info](http://www.sr79project.info).