



State Route 79 REALIGNMENT Segment 3

OVERVIEW:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in partnership with the County of Riverside, is conducting final design and engineering for a new 2-mile limited access expressway with two lanes in each direction between Simpson Road and Newport Road in Winchester. Three signalized intersections at Newport Road, Domenigoni Parkway, and Simpson Road will be placed. This project is *Segment 3* of RCTC's SR-79 Realignment Project, which will provide a 12-mile north-south transportation expressway between the communities of Winchester, Hemet, and San Jacinto. The project will be renamed since it will not be part of the state highway system.

The new transportation corridor is designed to meet the needs of the area's growing population and will include two lanes in each direction separated by a 14-foot median buffer, outside shoulders, accommodations for a future 35-foot-wide transportation corridor, and a multipurpose trail. The benefits and features include:

- **Improve traffic flow** for local and regional north-south traffic in the San Jacinto Valley with a new corridor
- **Reduce diversion** of traffic from the state routes onto local roadways
- **Wildlife passageway** at Patton Avenue, Patterson Avenue and Salt Creek Channel
- **Bridge** over Salt Creek Channel, Patterson Avenue and Patton Avenue
- **Enhance safety** by constructing a 14-foot median buffer, outside shoulders, and accommodations for a future transportation corridor

The final design and engineering are anticipated to be complete in 2028. If funding is secured and the final design is complete, construction could begin as early as 2029. RCTC will seek federal, state, and local funding sources to deliver this project.

For more information, visit rctc.org/79-segment-3

LOCATION:

Simpson Road to Newport Road in the unincorporated area of Winchester

FINAL DESIGN:

2025 to 2028

CONSTRUCTION:

2029 - 2031

INVESTMENT:

\$240 million (final design and construction)

