



State Route 79 REALIGNMENT

OVERVIEW:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission, in partnership with the County of Riverside and the cities of San Jacinto and Hemet, proposes to build a new 12-mile county expressway from south of Domenigoni Parkway north to Gilman Springs Road with two lanes in each direction. The new expressway is designed to improve safety and connectivity for the growing communities of Winchester, Hemet, San Jacinto, and surrounding areas in Riverside County.

First conceptualized as a state route, the project was later converted to a county facility. The project will be renamed since it will not be part of the state highway system. The project is segmented into three buildable segments that will be constructed in phases and features a dedicated transportation corridor and multipurpose trail. The three segments include:

- Segment 1 - Sanderson Ave to Florida Ave
- Segment 2 - Florida Ave to Simpson Road
- Segment 3 - Simpson Road to Newport Road

Final design and engineering for Segment 3 are anticipated to be completed in 2028. Design enhancements will also be considered to bolster the project's appeal for state and federal grants - these enhancements may include multimodal features like bus rapid transit.

The Environmental Document for the project was approved in December 2016. In August 2025, the Commission awarded a contract for the State Route 79 Realignment Project Innovative Financing Feasibility Study (IFFS) to explore alternative funding and delivery options for the project.

For more information, please visit: rctc.org/79-project

LOCATION:

State Route 79, San Jacinto-Hemet areas

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:

Approved December 2016

CONSTRUCTION:

Dependent upon funding

INVESTMENT:

\$1 billion (estimated)

