

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Dept.

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 7, 2004

SUBJECT: State Route 79 MOU with Caltrans

RECOMMENDED MOTION: APPROVAL of Memorandum of Understanding with Caltrans for State Route 79 North (Winchester Road)

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Department has been involved in on going discussions with Caltrans relative to access and right of way for State Route 79 in the French Valley Area. These discussions have lead to a general agreement relative to the ultimate right of way configuration and access control along the route. Caltrans previously entered into a similar agreement with the City of Temecula regarding the portion of Route 79 within the City from I-15 to Hunter Road. The subject MOU picks up the route at Hunter Road and continues through the French Valley Area to the intersection with the Domenigoni Parkway. The MOU describes the ultimate right of way for the route which is planned to be 184' from Hunter Road northerly to Keller Road. Between Keller Road and Scott Road the ultimate right of way is planned to transition to a 220' right of way and remain at this width all the way to Domenigoni Parkway. This width is consistent with current planning for the State Route 79 realignment, which is under study at present to the north through the Cities of Hemet and San Jacinto.

The MOU also describes the ultimate access configuration for the route, with access generally limited to minimum half-mile intervals. Some existing access points are planned to be eliminated in the ultimate configuration, as development occurs in the area.

FORM APPROVED
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REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
DATE 6/17/04

Departmental Concurrence

Dept's Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: 1 & 3

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New access points are planned and several existing access points will be modified to improve geometrics and sight distance; in some cases access will be restricted to right in-right-out only. All planned access points are for public street connections. The MOU prohibits any private driveway connections to the highway. During the time period that this MOU was under development, the City of Murrieta has annexed a portion of this segment of the route and is now a party to the MOU. The MOU has been executed by both Caltrans and the City of Murrieta. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the three party MOU to aide us in the review of development proposals adjacent to the highway and provide consistency with respect to access and right of way requirements among the jurisdictions involved with this important artery. The right-of-way requirements within the MOU are consistent with the County's new General Plan highway widths for State Route 79.