

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

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Murrieta Road Improvement Project - Sun City/Menifee Area - Third Supervisorial District

RECOMMENDED MOTION: ADOPTION of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 41887, APPROVAL of the Murrieta Road Improvement Project, and ADOPTION of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project.

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Department proposes to widen a 1.97 mile segment of Murrieta Road, between McCall Boulevard and Ethanac Road, to four lanes. Currently, a half mile segment of Murrieta Road between McCall Boulevard and Chambers Avenue has been widened to four lanes, and a one mile segment from Chambers Avenue to McLaughlin Road has been partially widened to three lanes. The remaining approximately half mile segment from McLaughlin to Ethanac Road will require widening from two lanes to four lanes. The project also includes a number of associated improvements including concrete curb, gutter and sidewalks, traffic signals, interim drainage improvements and utility relocations. The interim drainage improvements from McLaughlin to Ethanac will prevent the installation of curb and gutter in this segment until the adjacent properties develop or master plan drainage improvements are constructed. Traffic signals will be installed at Chambers Avenue, Rouse Road, McLaughlin Road and Ethanac Road. A total of 18 mature trees would also be removed along the western side of Murrieta Road. The majority of the trees (olives) will be removed from the Hillside Mobile Home Park. The owner of the mobile home park has been contacted and has agreed to maintain the replacement trees after installation of replacement trees by the County consistent with County landscape design guidelines.

REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DATE 9/14/08

Departmental Concurrence
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Juan C. Perez
Director of Transportation

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Dept't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: Murrieta Road Improvement Project - Sun City/Menifee Area - Third Supervisorial District

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The project is in the future City of Menifee effective October 1, 2008, and staff has consulted with the City of Menifee staff on this Board item. The project is proposed to be funded through the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) program. Right-of-way acquisition will be done in FY 2008/2009 and construction is expected to begin in FY 2009/2010 if the funding is available.



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

EA No.41187

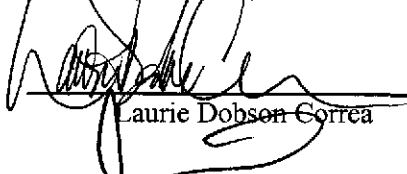
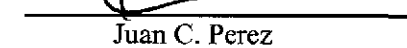
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PROJECT NAME: Murrieta Road Improvement Project

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: Murrieta Road is a Secondary roadway west of Interstate 215, east of Goetz Road, and south of the City of Perris. Effective October 1, 2008, the project will be in the newly incorporated City of Menifee. The project proposes to widen a 1.97 mile segment of Murrieta Road, between McCall Boulevard and Ethanac Road, to four lanes. While some segments have undergone interim improvements from two lanes to four lanes, modifications to Murrieta Road are necessary to meet design and operational standards. The project also includes a number of associated improvements including concrete curb and gutters, sidewalks, traffic signals, interim drainage improvements and utility relocations. The interim drainage improvements from McLaughlin to Ethanac will prevent the installation of curb and gutter in this segment until the adjacent properties develop or master plan drainage improvements are constructed. The traffic signals will be installed at Chambers Avenue, Rouse Road, McLaughlin Road and Ethanac Road. A total of 15 electrical poles located along the western side of Murrieta Road would be relocated. A total of 18 mature trees would also be removed along the western side of Murrieta Road.

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of this project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring plan was adopted.

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration has been adopted pursuant to CEQA and may be examined, along with administrative record, at the Transportation Department, 14th Street Annex, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, California 92501.

 _____	Title	Environmental Division Mgr.	Date	8/25/08
Laurie Dobson Correa				
 _____	Title	Director of Transportation	Date	8/28/08
Juan C. Perez				

HEARING BODY OR OFFICER

XX Board of Supervisors
 _____ Planning Commission

ACTION ON PROJECT

XX Approval
 _____ Disapproval
 Date: September 16, 2008

Verifying: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

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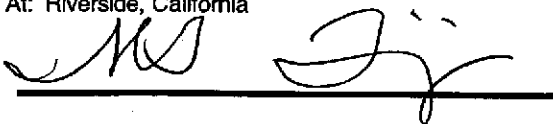
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At: Riverside, California



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**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE
DECLARATION/
MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION
FOR MURRIETA ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS
(E.A. # 41887)**

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

The Riverside County Transportation Department proposes to improve a 1.97 mile segment of Murrieta Road from McCall Boulevard to Ethanac Road to four lanes. Although some segments currently have interim improvements to four lanes, modifications are necessary to meet design standards. The segment between McCall Boulevard and Chambers Avenue has been widened to four lanes. The segment between Chambers Avenue and McLaughlin Road has been widened to three lanes. The segment between McLaughlin Road and Ethanac Road would be widened from two lanes to a four-lane 100 foot right-of-way road standard. The proposed project also includes traffic signals at Chambers Avenue, Rouse Road, and Ethanac Road, relocation of 15 electrical poles, and a storm drain system from McLaughlin Road to Ethanac Road. Concrete curb, gutters and sidewalks will be constructed from McCall Boulevard to McLaughlin Road, while concrete curb and gutters will be constructed from McLaughlin Road to Ethanac Road.

WHY THIS AD

The effects of this project on the environment have been analyzed. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors will consider approval of the project and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Environmental Assessment (EA # 41887) on or after May 27, 2008. Action on the MND may be taken with or without a public hearing, at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. Notice of the decision will be mailed to anyone who requests.

WHERE YOU COME IN

This notice is to inform you of the availability of the MND for you to read and comment. Comments will be accepted from April 22, 2008 to May 21, 2008. Based on study findings in the MND, the Riverside County Transportation Department has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because potential effects would be mitigated to a less than significant level through the incorporation of the mitigation measures. Potentially significant impacts for which mitigation measures were incorporated include Biological and Cultural Resources. The project site is not on an Environmental Protection Agency hazardous waste site list compiled pursuant to Governmental code Section 65962.5. Your written comments will be considered in the decision on the project and will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors before action is taken on the project. Notice of said decision will be mailed to any person requesting notification. No decision will be taken until after the review period is complete.

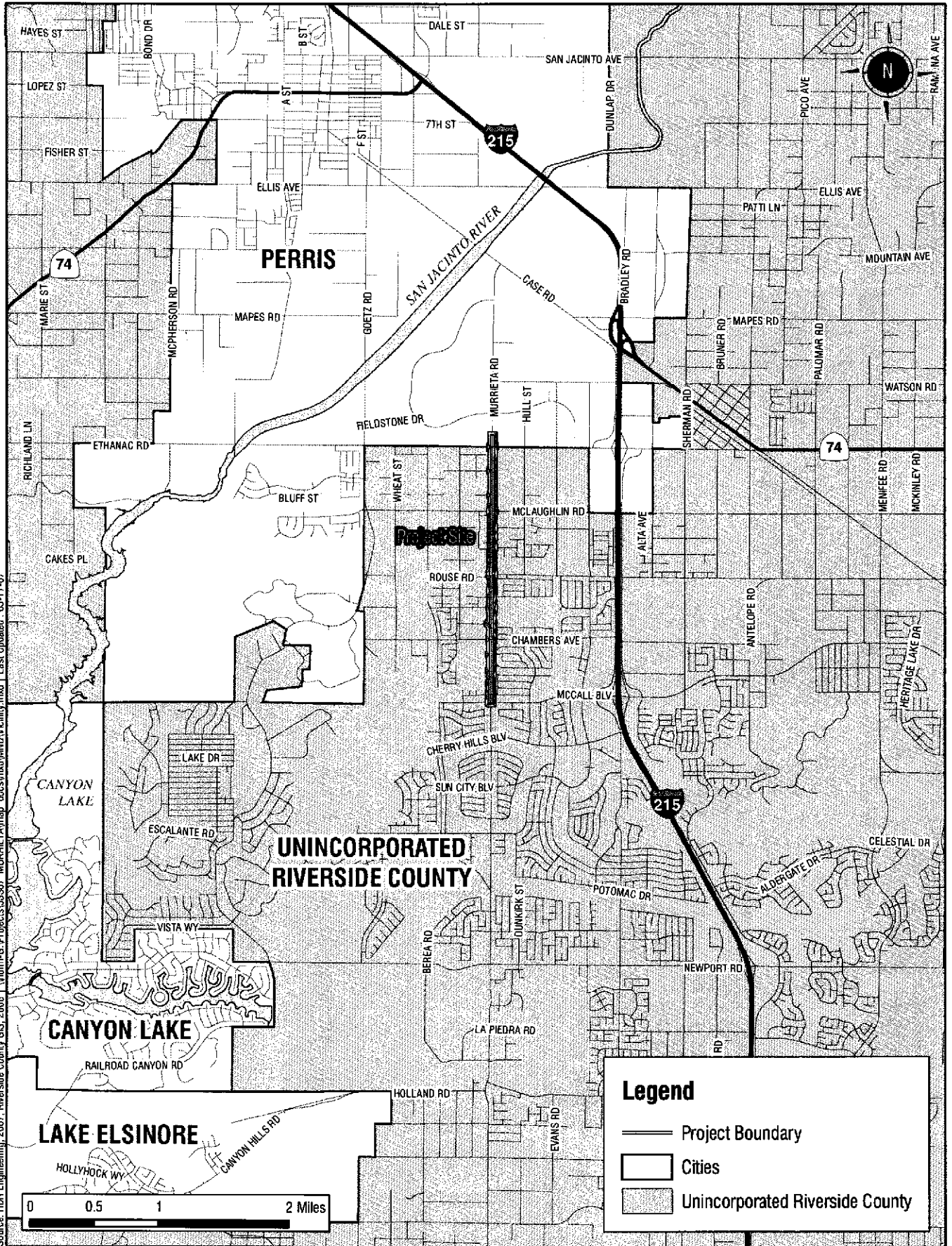
WHAT'S AVAILABLE

The proposed MND and EA are available for review at the Riverside County Transportation Department, 14th Street Annex, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501, Mondays through Fridays, excluding legal holidays, from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Copies of the MND and EA will be provided upon request during the comment period.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Andrew Huneck,
Senior Transportation Planner,
at (951) 955-1506 or ahuneck@rcflma.org. Please
send your comments to the
Transportation Department
at the above address, fax them
to (951) 955-3164 or email
them to ahuneck@rcflma.org.

Source: HDR Engineering, 2007, Riverside County GIS, 2006 | U:\pdm-g\Projects\63367_MURRIETA\map_docs\mod\MND\Vicinity.mxd | Last Updated: 05-17-07



Vicinity Map
FIGURE 2