

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



FROM: Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Relinquishment of State Route 74

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Director of Transportation and Land Management, or his designee, to draft legislation for the relinquishment of State Route 74 from the State of California to the County of Riverside; and
2. Endorse the Introduction of Legislation to authorize the California Transportation Commission to relinquish State Route 74 to the County of Riverside.

BACKGROUND: Caltrans conducted a review of its inventory of "non-freeway" routes in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties and have determined that certain routes/segments no longer serve interregional or statewide transportation needs, including segments of State Route 74. Within Riverside County (County), two segments were identified as serving more of a local need rather than a regional need, the portion of State Route 74 between El Toro Road and Interstate 215, through the communities of Meadowbrook and Good Hope, and the portion of State Route 74 between Interstate 215 and State Route 79.

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Summary (continued)

State Route 74, between Interstate 15 and Interstate 215, can be characterized as a conventional county road, or city street. This state route does not serve regional or statewide transportation needs, and, therefore, should be given consideration to be relinquished by the State to the County. The portion of State Route 74 within the City of Perris has already be relinquished to the City of Perris and is no longer a state route, and the portions of State Route 74 within the City of Lake Elsinore and the City of Palm Desert currently have legislation enacted that gives the Cities the ability to accept the road into the Cities should the Cities chose to do so.

Caltrans ownership of State Route 74 impedes the ability of the county to make improvements along the corridor and creates a bureaucratic obstacle and financial hurdle for those who wish to improve their properties or create new business opportunities along the highway, as every driveway, sidewalk, or safety enhancement require approvals from the State of California.

It is recommended that legislation go forward that would give the County the ability to accept the portion of State Route 74 between Interstate 15 and Interstate 215, within the jurisdiction of the County, should the County and Caltrans come to an agreement on the terms and conditions of this acceptance. The passage of legislation does not commit the County to accept any portion of State Route 74.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

The benefit of accepting State Route 74 into the County road system would be the increase in responsiveness to community interests in the administration planning, construction, and operation of facilities, resulting in a cost savings to taxpayers and property owners by eliminating the need for state encroachment permits.