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PUBLIC MEETING

6-8 P.M. APRIL 20, 2017
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- Learn more online at www.dot.ca.gov/d12/DEA/55/0J340 or www.octa.net/SR55

- Submit comments to D12SR55ImprovementProject@dot.ca.gov or to Charles Baker, Caltrans District 12, 1750 E 4th Street #100, Santa Ana, CA 92705

- Sign up for project alerts at octa.net/SR55

- Follow the project on social media at facebook.com/SR55Project and on Twitter @SR55Project

- Questions? Call Outreach Manager Chris Boucly at 714-560-5326
INTRODUCTION

PROJECT PARTNERS

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LEAD AGENCY AND FACILITY OWNER

Lead Agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Oversees compliance with CEQA and NEPA, and provides ultimate approval of environmental documents and preferred alternative.

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PROJECT SPONSOR

Responsible Agency under CEQA; Funds and manages the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase consistent with Measure M.

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PROJECT PARTNERS

City of Irvine
www.cityofirvine.org

City of Santa Ana
www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us

City of Tustin
www.tustinca.org
PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING

INFORM the public of the improvement project and of the availability of the Supplemental Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA).

HIGHLIGHT the project area and the additional alternative added for consideration (Alternative 3M)

SUMMARIZE the environmental findings

DISCUSS proposed noise barriers

EXPLAIN the purchase of land for right of way and construction

PROVIDE an opportunity for the public to comment on the Supplemental Draft IS/EA

INVITE the public to sign up for future alerts about the project
ABOUT THE PROJECT

PROJECT DETAILS

ALTERNATIVE 3M
The purpose of the proposed project is to:
• Improve mobility and reduce congestion;
• Improve traffic operations; and
• Increase capacity.

The project is needed due to:
• Limited available lane capacity during peak periods;
• Inadequate merging distances as a result of closely spaced on- and off-ramps along the freeway mainline; and
• Non-standard lane and shoulder widths at some locations.

MAP OF PROJECT AREA

PROJECT DETAILS

PURPOSE AND NEED

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

• Draft Environmental Document (Public review period and public meeting): April 2017
• Environmental Clearance and Approval: Late 2017
• Final Design and Right of Way: Late 2017 to Mid–2019
• Construction: 2021 to 2025

ESTIMATED COST

• Ranges from approximately $127.1 million to $256.5 million, depending on Alternative
ALTERNATIVE 3M: NEW GENERAL PURPOSE LANE + NEW HOV LANE + ADDITIONAL AUXILIARY LANES

LEGEND
- General Purpose Lane
- HOV Lane
- Proposed General Purpose Lane
- Proposed Auxiliary Lane
- HOV Lane
- Separator
- Improvements by Other Project Completed in 2012
- HOV Limited Access

NOT TO SCALE
STATE ROUTE 55 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
FROM INTERSTATE 405 TO INTERSTATE 5

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

TOPICS EVALUATED

REVIEW PROCESS

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Potential effects on physical, biological and human environments evaluated in the IS/EA include:

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**
- Hydrology & Foodplains
- Water Quality & Stormwater Runoff
- Geology/Soils/Seismic/Topography
- Paleontology
- Hazardous Waste/Materials
- Air Quality
- Noise

**BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT**
- Wetlands & Other Waters
- Plant Species
- Animal Species
- Invasive Species

**HUMAN ENVIRONMENT**
- Land Use
  - Plan Consistency
  - Parks and Recreational Facilities
- Growth
- Community Impacts
  - Community Character and Cohesion
  - Relocations and Real Property Acquisition
  - Environmental Justice
- Utilities/Emergency Services
- Traffic & Transportation/Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities
- Visual/Aesthetics
- Cultural Resources
PURPOSE OF CEQA AND NEPA

1. Inform governmental decision makers and the public about potential environmental effects of proposed projects.

2. Identify ways that environmental effects can be avoided and minimized.

3. Reduce potentially significant environmental effects that can be avoided by implementing an alternative project design or by implementing mitigation measures when feasible.

4. Disclose reasons why an agency selected a Preferred Alternative.

5. Promote and encourage public participation.
CIRCULATION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

**CIRCULATION:** The public review period is 30 calendar days, from April 3, 2017 to 5p.m. May 3, 2017.

**PUBLIC MEETING:** During circulation, a public meeting is held for members of the public to learn about the project, the Supplemental Draft IS/EA and associated studies, to meet the project development team, and to ask questions and share comments about the Supplemental Draft IS/EA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments received during the public review period will be included and addressed in the final environmental document.
IDENTIFY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE: The Project Development Team will recommend a Preferred Alternative. Caltrans ultimately is responsible for approval of the final environmental document and selection of the Preferred Alternative.

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: The IS/EA will be revised to include identification of the Preferred Alternative and to document public review, including comments received during the public review period. The final environmental document is anticipated to result in a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), under CEQA and NEPA respectively.
NOISE BARRIERS

PROPOSED LOCATIONS

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RIGHT OF WAY

SPEAK WITH A REPRESENTATIVE

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PUBLIC COMMENT

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS