



# Commuter Alert

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**For Immediate Release**

***State Route 74 Lane Widening  
Near Lake Elsinore  
Weekend Closure  
September 22 - 25, 2023***

**RIVERSIDE, CA** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues work on State Route 74 (SR-74) in Riverside County from the Riverside and Orange County border to Monte Vista, just west of Lake Elsinore. Crews will be performing paving operations at various locations throughout the project zone.

**A FULL 55-HOUR WEEKEND CLOSURE WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AND CONTINUE TO 4:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.**

**One-way traffic control with flagging and pilot vehicles will be in place from 8 p.m. to 8:59 p.m. on Friday.** At 9 p.m., the route will fully close to all through traffic. Work will conclude on Monday at 4:00 a.m. Residents and commuters will need to utilize the alternate routes to go around the closure. Access **through** the work zone will be prohibited.

**Residents at Decker Canyon to Long Canyon, will be given access under pilot car, to and from Lake Elsinore.** No access will be given from Decker Canyon and Long Canyon to OC. **Residents on Tenaja Truck Trail or west of Tenaja Truck Trail, including the Ortega Oaks RV Park and Campground and The Candy Store will be given access under pilot car, to and from Orange County.** No access will be given from Tenaja Truck Trail & Campground/Candy store to Lake Elsinore.

Work will occur at various points along SR-74. Residents will be escorted in and out of the construction zones from their designated area of access under pilot car. Non-residents must use an alternate route.

This is an ACTIVE construction zone! The contractor may be changing locations nightly, which will affect the direction of travel for residents that live within the construction zone.

**Reminder: One-way traffic control with flagging and pilot vehicles will be in place.** The route will be closed to **through** traffic at the above-mentioned location, for roadway

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excavation operations. This work will occur Friday through Monday. **It is advised to use an alternate route to avoid these long delays such as SR-91 and the I-5.**

**Be advised, you may experience long waits and delays due to construction operations. Please wait for the designated pilot car to escort you through the construction zone. Please obey all posted signs and traffic instructions, including the pilot escort car, as CHP will be on location and citing any offenders.**

The availability of alternate routes within this area of SR-74 may change – meaning, the construction zone will change daily. Please plan ahead. A new commuter alert will be issued with locations of full closure as soon as the location of work is determined.

For up to date information and to sign up for commuter alerts, please go to the website: [SR-74 Ortega Widening Project](#).

Use caution and expect delays during construction hours. Law enforcement will be on scene to assist with traffic control. Remember to reduce your speed in and surrounding the work zone. Be advised, weather may affect construction schedule.

Know before you go! Follow us for the latest information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). To assist in planning your commute, view live traffic conditions using [QuickMap](#).

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