

74 Widening Project on Ortega Hwy



Fact Sheet

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will widen existing lanes to provide 12-foot standard lanes, widen outside shoulders to four feet, and add two-foot-wide median and 1-foot wide shoulder ground-in rumble strips on State Route 74 (SR-74, Ortega Highway), from Orange County Line [Post Mile (PM) 0.0] to Monte Vista Street (PM 5.8), near Lake Elsinore in Riverside County. The total width of the pavement is proposed to be 34 feet. Widening the shoulders would require constructing retaining walls with concrete barriers, cutting the rock slopes, and installing fill slopes.



PROJECT NEED

The purpose of this project is to improve the safety performance and reduce collision on Ortega Highway from the Orange/Riverside County Lin (PM 0.0) to Monte Vista St (PM 5.8) in Riverside County. All work is anticipated to be complete by Fall 2025, weather dependent. Caltrans, District 8 is advising the traveling public to anticipate heavy delays and seek other available routes such as State Route 91 during these work periods.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

Due to the narrow highway and the need for widening and additional features, delays throughout the project area are anticipated. Traffic during day and night operations will be controlled via flagging operations. Nightly, full route closures are also likely to occur during the hours of 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Full 55-hr closures of the route will occur later on in the project timeline. This schedule will be forthcoming.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

In order to start this work in a timely manner, Caltrans District 8's contractor will be working various times of the day and night. Day hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Night work will occur from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday. Additional weekend work may be required with crews working 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. All work is anticipated to be complete by Fall of 2025.

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