

# Commuter Alert



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## **State Route 74 Lane Widening Near Lake Elsinore *Weeknight Full Closures in Place***

**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 Street just west of Lake Elsinore. Weather permitting.

**Full nightly closures from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (weeknights) will remain in place until further notice.** There will be no **through** traffic allowed during these hours. All motorists will be turned around at 10:00 p.m., and alternate routes must be utilized to get to your destinations. There will be no exceptions allowed. **Residents and commuters will need to utilize the alternate route to go around the closure** each night **BEGINNING AT 10:00 p.m.** Reminder: All passes are INVALID! Access **through** the work zone will be prohibited during the previously state hours.

Work will take place just east of Tenaja Truck Trail on SR 74. **Please note:** 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 directed to Orange County and WILL NOT be given access to go through to Lake Elsinore during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Residents at Monte Vista, Long Canyon and Decker Canyon will be directed to Lake Elsinore and WILL NOT be given access to go through to Orange County during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. **Residents will be escorted in and out of the construction zones from their designated areas of access (OC or Lake Elsinore).**

The Waterfall Canyon Parking lot will be inaccessible from August 6 to August 20.

Please remember 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.

Crews will continue excavation of roadway and tree and vegetation removal. **One-way traffic control with flagging and pilot vehicles will be in place from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.** During the hours of 10:01 p.m. to 5 a.m., the route will be closed to **through** traffic, at the above-mentioned location, for roadway excavation operations. This work will occur Monday through Friday, nightly. It is advised to use an alternative route to avoid these long delays such as SR-91 and I-15 and the I-5.

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**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.

Be advised that the availability of alternate routes within this area of SR 74 may change – meaning, the construction zone will change nightly resulting in, some areas not having access to Orange County or Lake Elsinore, and vice versa. Please plan ahead. A new commuter alert will be issued with locations of full closure as soon as the location of work is determined.

Any day work required will occur from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a flagging operation to assist in traffic control.

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! To stay on top of roadwork in the Inland Empire go to [Caltrans District 8](#) and sign up for commuter alerts. Follow us for the latest information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). To assist in planning your commute, view live traffic conditions using [QuickMap](#) and [planned lane closures](#).

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## Project Parameters

