

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES 300 N. FLOWER STREET P. O. BOX 4048 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92702-4048

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT EIR 619)

DATE:

December 10, 2015

PROJECT TITLE: Santa Ana River Parkway Extension Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Santa Ana River Parkway Extension Project (proposed project) is located within a 2-mile stretch of the Santa Ana River Riding and Hiking Trail and Santa Ana River Class I (off-road, paved) Bikeway (SAR Specifically, the project area is located between Gypsum Canyon Road on the west and the Orange/Riverside/San Bernardino County boundaries on the east, and between the BNSF railroad and La Palma Avenue on the north and State Route (SR) 91 freeway on the south. See the project location map on the back of this notice.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes the construction of a new Class I Bikeway, Riding and Hiking Trail, and associated amenities on the north and south banks of the Santa Ana River (SAR), between Gypsum Canyon Road Bridge and the Orange County boundary. A new Riding and Hiking Trail would be located parallel to the existing SAR Class I Bikeway that is located on the southern bank of the SAR, adjacent to SR-91. A new parallel Class I Bikeway and Riding and Hiking Trail would extend through a portion of the existing Green River Golf Course toward the BNSF Railroad, where the alignment would then follow the BNSF Railroad eastward to the Orange/San Bernardino County boundary. This new parallel Class I Bikeway and Riding and Hiking Trail would start approximately 0.15 mile upstream from the Coal Canyon off-ramp in Chino Hills State Park. Additionally, a new parallel Class I Bikeway and Riding and Hiking Trail would extend eastward from Gypsum Canyon Road Bridge on the northern bank of the SAR, adjacent to La Palma Avenue. Three bridges (narrow/non-vehicular) will be constructed. Two of those bridges will cross the Santa Ana River and will connect the new Class I Bikeway, the new Riding and Hiking Trail, and the existing SAR Class I Bikeway. The proposed project will include other design features such as a staging area, trailheads, turnouts, and vista points. Construction of the proposed project is expected to take approximately 18 months and is anticipated to begin mid-2017.

The Draft EIR has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.). The Draft EIR identifies significant impacts that can be mitigated to below a level of significance for biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, and noise and vibration. Significant unavoidable adverse impacts that cannot be mitigated below a level of significance are identified for air quality.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: The Draft EIR is being circulated for public review and comment from December 10, 2015 to January 25, 2016. Written comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted by January 25, 2016 to: Jeff Dickman at OC Public Works Department, OC Development Services, P.O. Box 4048, Santa Ana, CA 92702-4048. Comments are due no later than January 25, 2016. Pursuant to State law, comments received after that date may not be considered. You may also submit your comments by email to Jeff.Dickman@ocpw.ocgov.com.

PROJECT APPLICANT: Orange County Public Works Department

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DRAFT EIR REVIEWING LOCATIONS

COPIES OF THE DRAFT EIR ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW ON DECEMBER 10, 2015 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

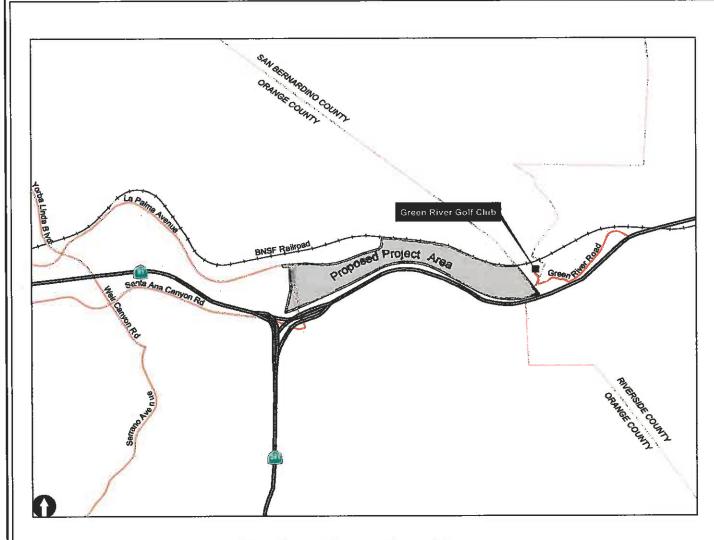
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OC Planning Website

http://ocplanning.net/planning/land/projects/santa ana river parkway extension project



Project Location Map