

Why is the Cajalco Project needed?

Accommodate population growth and related increased traffic demand

Between 2010 and 2019, Riverside County's population growth was the seventh-fastest in the nation, growing from 2,189,765 to 2,470,546 residents. Today, east-west traffic within western Riverside County is carried on interstate 10 and State Routes 60, 91 and 74. These corridors are already experiencing significant gridlock and the situation is projected to get worse.

Average Daily Traffic

	Current	2024
Cajalco Rd (west of Gustin Rd)	7,500 to 18,670	10,250 to 26,370
Cajalco Rd (east of Gustin Rd)	19,890 to 26,390	30,050 to 37,790
El Sobrante Rd	11,590	17,610

The Project will improve east-west mobility in Riverside County to address anticipated growth and traffic by widening existing roads rather than constructing a new freeway-level facility.

Improve driving comfort and safety

The alignment of Cajalco Road, particularly at the west end, has horizontal and vertical curves that limit the speed and capacity of the roadway. The east end of the project is more developed with many driveways fronting Cajalco Road and several unsignalized intersections resulting in a large number of unprotected turning movements. The project will provide several enhancements that will improve driving comfort and safety as listed below.

Key Dates

2010	Conceptual design developed Meetings held with resource agencies & advocacy groups
2012	Public & agency scoping meetings held New alternatives 3 & 4 added
2014	Continued coordination with community, agencies & tribes
2016	Field surveys are performed and technical studies are prepared
2018	Late 2018 - technical studies completed and approved 2018 through 2020 - continued coordination with agencies, tribes & advocacy groups
2020	Late 2021 - public circulation of Draft EIR/EIS
2022	Early 2022 - initiate review of agency & public comments Mid-2023 - obtain Environmental Approval (including identification of Preferred Alternative and responses to comments)
2024	Prepare final design documents and acquire right-of-way <small>subject to funding availability after Final EIR/EIS</small> Provide public update prior to start of construction



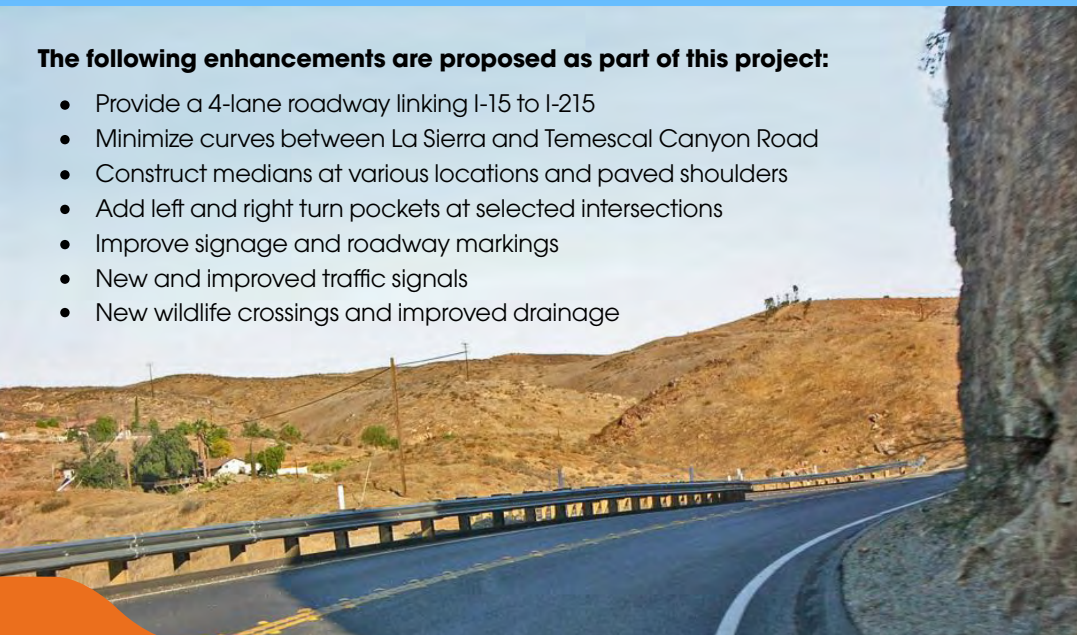
Enhancing Your Driving Comfort and Safety



Cajalco Road Widening and Safety Enhancement Project

The following enhancements are proposed as part of this project:

- Provide a 4-lane roadway linking I-15 to I-215
- Minimize curves between La Sierra and Temescal Canyon Road
- Construct medians at various locations and paved shoulders
- Add left and right turn pockets at selected intersections
- Improve signage and roadway markings
- New and improved traffic signals
- New wildlife crossings and improved drainage



Contact Us:

We want to know what you think. If you have any comments or questions or want to be notified of future meetings, call us at (909) 627-2974 or email us through our website at www.rcprojects.org/cajalco.

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What is the Cajalco Road Project?

The Riverside County Transportation Department and project partners are proposing to widen and realign Cajalco Road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes for 15.7 miles between Temescal Canyon Road to the west and Interstate 215 to the east. The project will provide several enhancements to the roadway that will improve east/west mobility and also enhance driving comfort and safety.

PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

Three "Build" alternatives are being considered for the proposed project, as well as a "No Build" alternative. The "Build" alternatives are in part a result of community feedback received during public meetings and briefings throughout the study area.



ALTERNATIVE 1 (Cajalco Alignment)

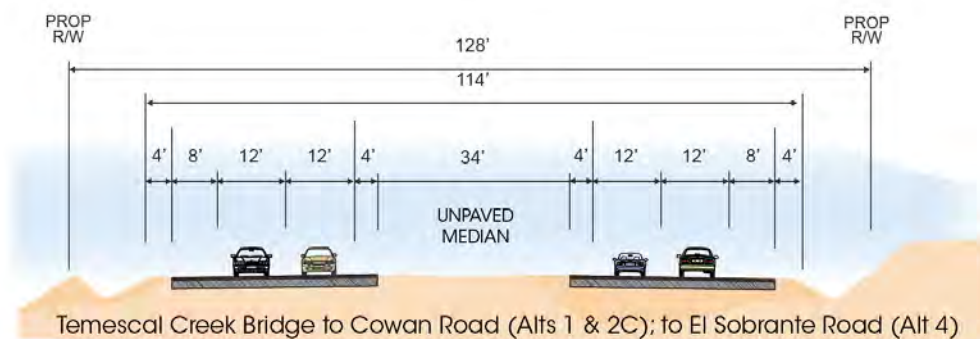
Alternative 1 will add two 12-foot lanes, one eastbound and one westbound, with medians of various widths and types to separate opposing traffic, allow space for left-hand U-turns, minimize headlight glare and preserve right-of-way for two additional travel lanes (one in each direction) if needed in the future.

The alignment generally follows the existing Cajalco Rd alignment, however, curves between Temescal Creek and La Sierra Avenue will be smoothed to improve driving comfort and safety. Wildlife crossings and drainage improvements would also be added.

West of Lake Mathews Drive and north of Lynette Lane, Cajalco Road would be realigned, bypassing the Hollis Lane residential area to the south. A connection between Dirt Road and Lake Mathews Drive would also be constructed for secondary access to residences.

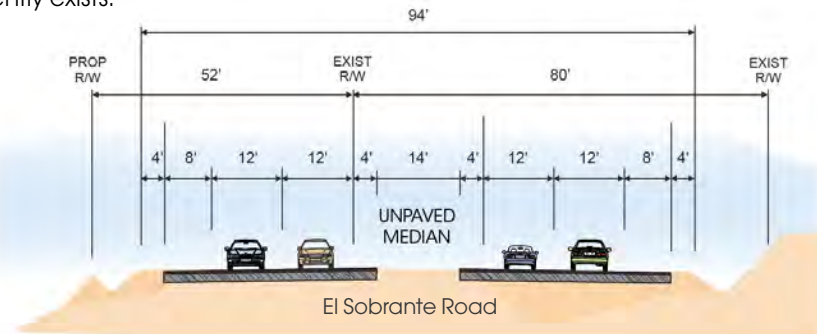
ALTERNATIVE 2C (Modified Cajalco Alignment)

Alternative 2C would include the same improvements as Alternative 1 with the exception that Cajalco Road would be realigned from La Sierra Avenue to just west of Lake Mathews Drive along a newly constructed four-lane segment.



ALTERNATIVE 4 (El Sobrante Alignment)

Similar to Alternative 1 and 2C except the additional two new lanes will be constructed on El Sobrante Road and La Sierra Avenue. Cajalco Road between La Sierra Avenue and Gustin Road will remain one lane in each direction as it currently exists.



Which Alternative will be Selected?

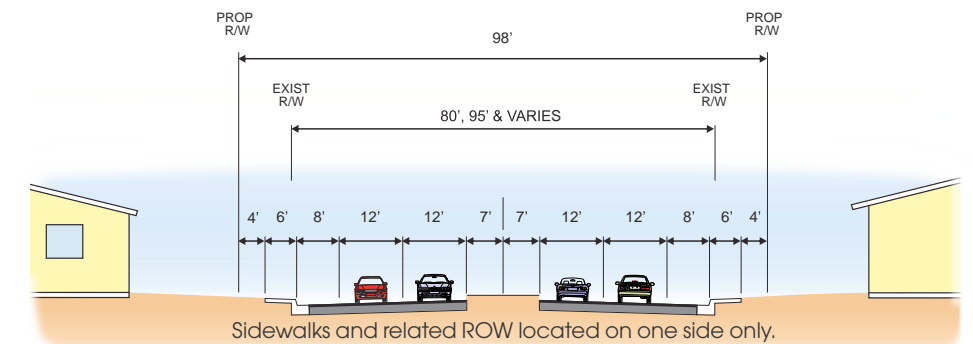
The Riverside County Transportation Department, in cooperation with Caltrans, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) with Section 4(f) for this project. The three build alternatives evaluated in the EIR/EIS were developed and refined based on input received from members of the public, public agencies, local tribes, and stakeholder groups, as well as the findings of the technical studies prepared for the project.

Presently, no specific route has been selected for the project. A comparative, conceptual-level analysis of project alternatives for the project was performed to evaluate the alternatives' performance relative to transportation objectives, benefits, impacts, and costs. Alternative 1 has been identified by the County (the CEQA lead agency) as the locally preferred alternative. The Draft EIR/EIS will be circulated for public review December 3, 2021 through January 18, 2022. Identification of the final preferred alternative will occur after the public review and comment period and will be included in the Final EIR/EIS.

All ALTERNATIVES

The proposed alignments for all alternatives will generally follow the existing Cajalco Road between Temescal Canyon Road and west of La Sierra Avenue, and between Gustin Road and Interstate 215. Some deviations from the existing alignment are proposed for reducing impacts to existing properties and to improve access. The project will construct two 12-foot lanes in each direction (eastbound and westbound) replacing the two-lane roadway that currently exists. Improvements to be constructed between Cowan Road and Harvill Avenue include:

- Raised median to separate opposing traffic and provide improved access control along Cajalco Road.
- 8-foot shoulders that would serve as a combined shoulder/bike lane.
- Sidewalks would be constructed on one side along the portions of the project where residential and commercial properties are present.
- Left and right turn pocket lanes at selected intersections.
- Installation or modification of traffic signals at key intersections.



PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED ALTERNATIVES

Multiple project alternatives and design variations were explored to meet the purpose and need for the proposed project. Due to environmental constraints and input received from public agencies and stakeholder groups, an earlier alternative, Alternative 3, was removed, and Alternatives 2, 2A, and 2B, refined into the current Build Alternative 2C.