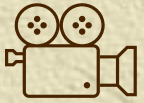




Cajalco Road
Widening and Safety Enhancement Project
Public Hearing – Virtual (*Audiencia Pública – Virtual*)
January 6, 2022 (*6 de enero de 2022*)

Meeting Format



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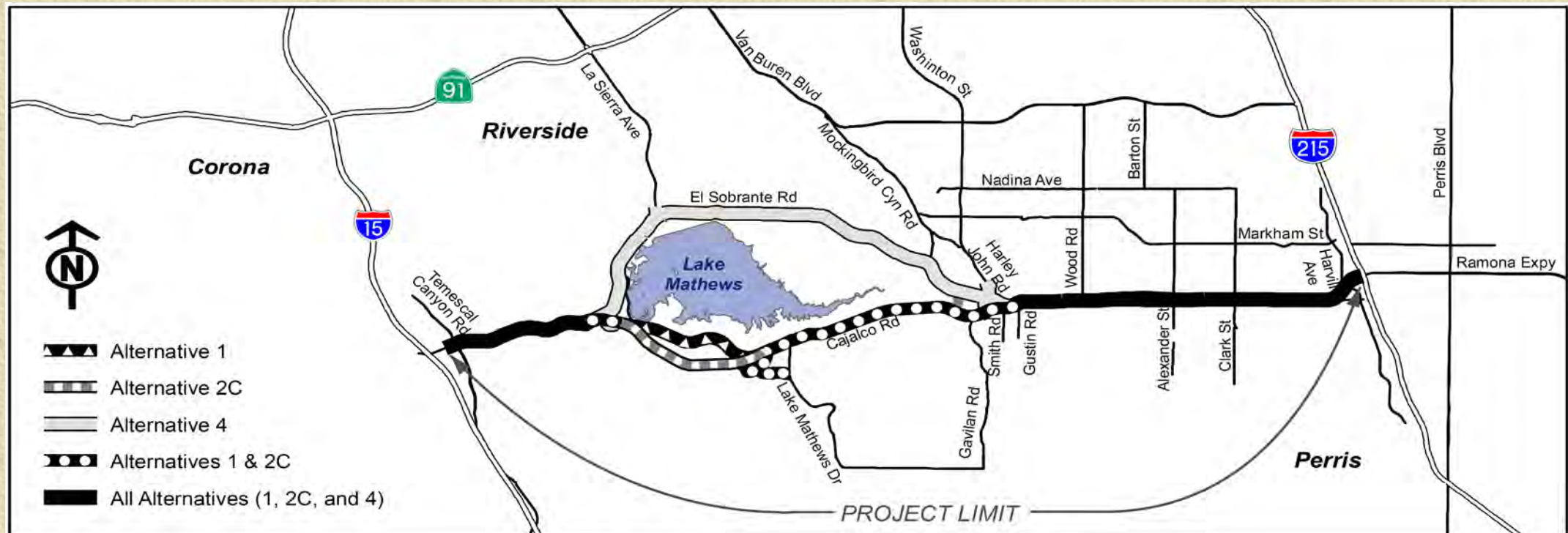
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Agenda

- Welcome
- Purpose of Hearing
- Speakers/Project Team
- Project Purpose and Need
- Proposed Alternatives
- Anticipated Costs and ROW
- Environmental Process
- Draft EIR/EIS Contents
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- Agency Coordination and Community Engagement
- Where and How to Submit Comments

Purpose of Hearing

- Present the alternatives considered for the proposed Cajalco Road Widening and Safety Enhancement Project
- Provide a forum for public comment on the proposed project and the results of the environmental analyses conducted



Key Project Team



Riverside County Transportation Department



California Department of Transportation



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Arellano Associates



AECOM

Presentation Panelists



John Ashlock, County Project Manager



Aaron Burton, Caltrans Project Manager



Brian Calvert
Environmental Consultant



Keturah Anderson
Environmental Consultant



Chester Britt
Outreach Consultant



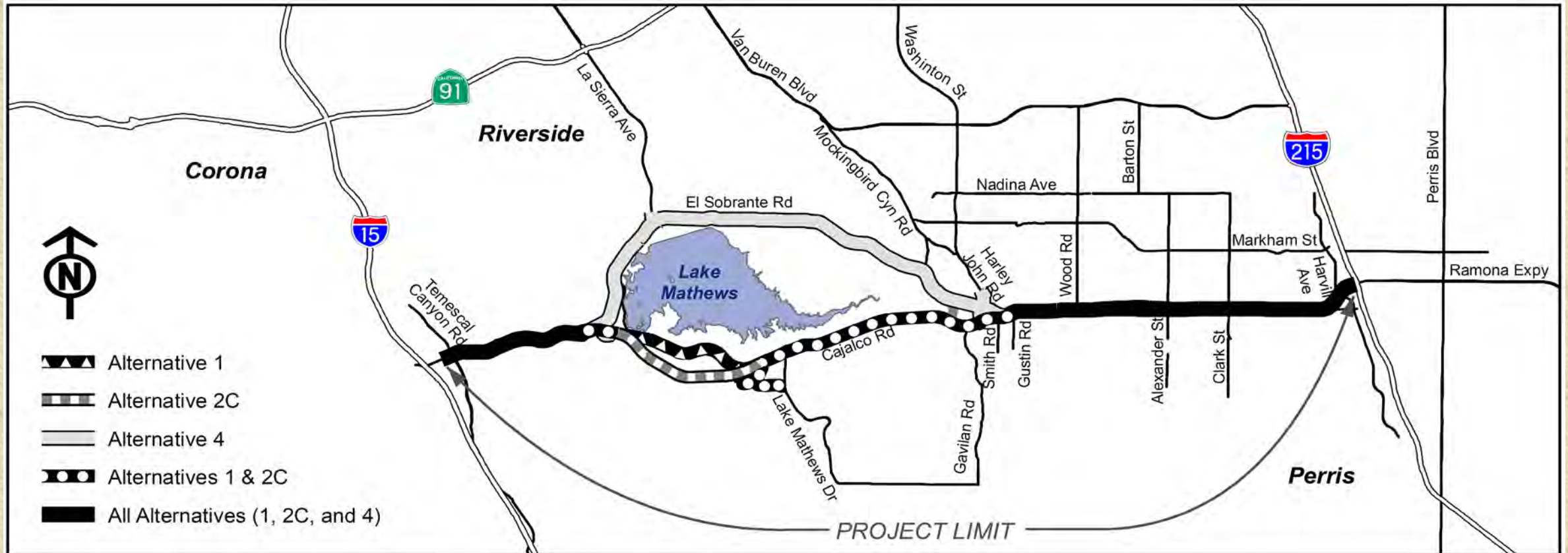
Dianna Orozco
Interpreter

Project Purpose and Need

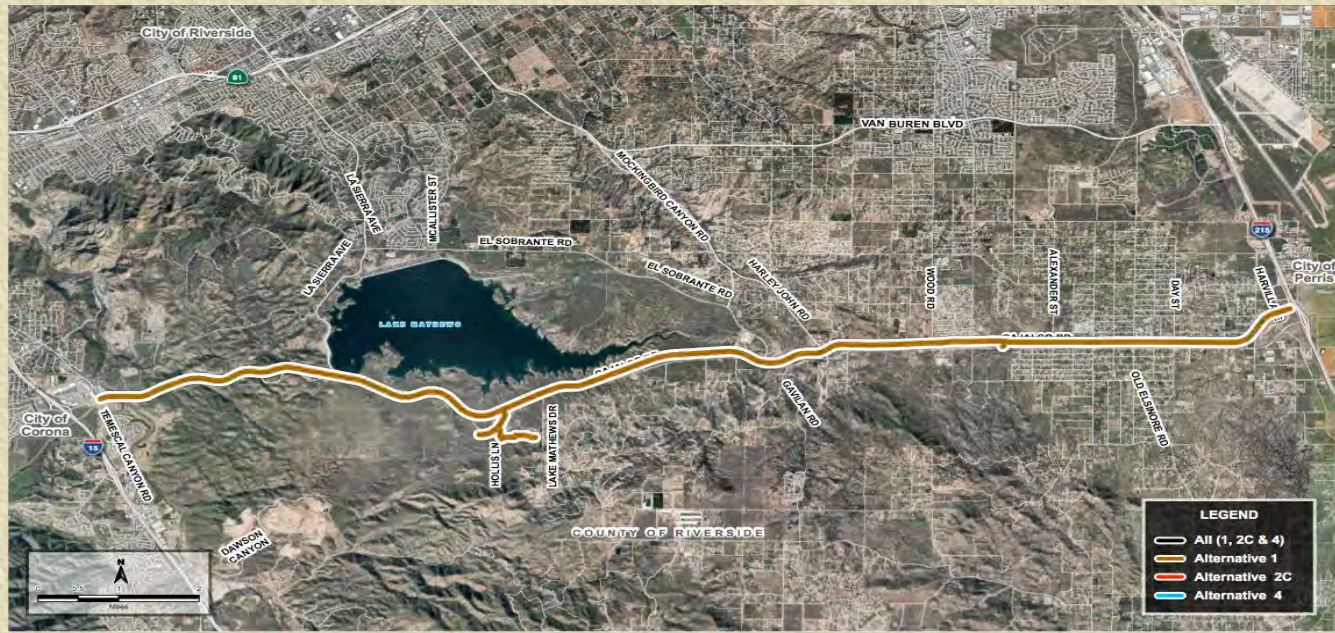
Purpose	Improve the transportation facility to address anticipated growth and mobility needs
<i>Need</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Capacity and Projected Transportation Demand▪ Population Forecasts and growth rates
Purpose	Improve interregional travel by improving east-west mobility in Riverside County
<i>Need</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Public Transportation Connectivity and System Linkages▪ Limited options for east-west mobility
Purpose	Improve roadway alignment and intersection design to enhance safety
<i>Need</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Roadway Deficiencies and Curves▪ 337 total collisions along corridor between 2015 - 2017

Proposed Alternatives

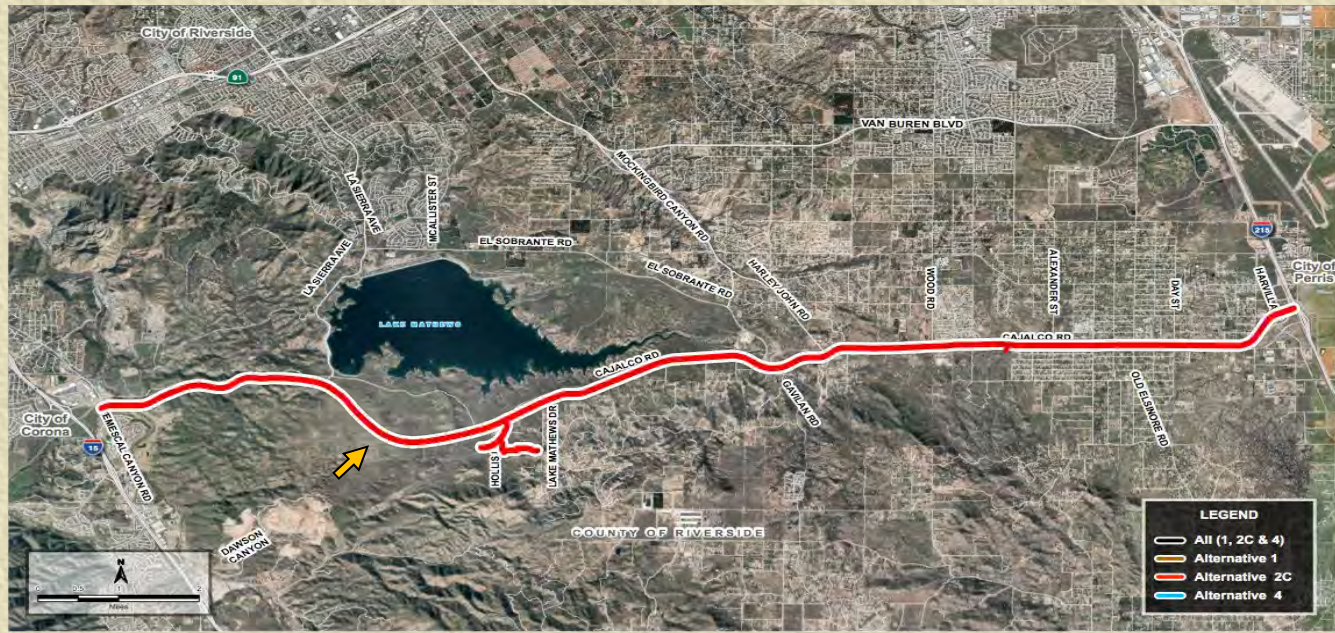
Three design alternatives: **Alternative 1***, **Alternative 2C**, and **Alternative 4**, and a **No-Build** alternative have been analyzed in the Draft EIR/EIS



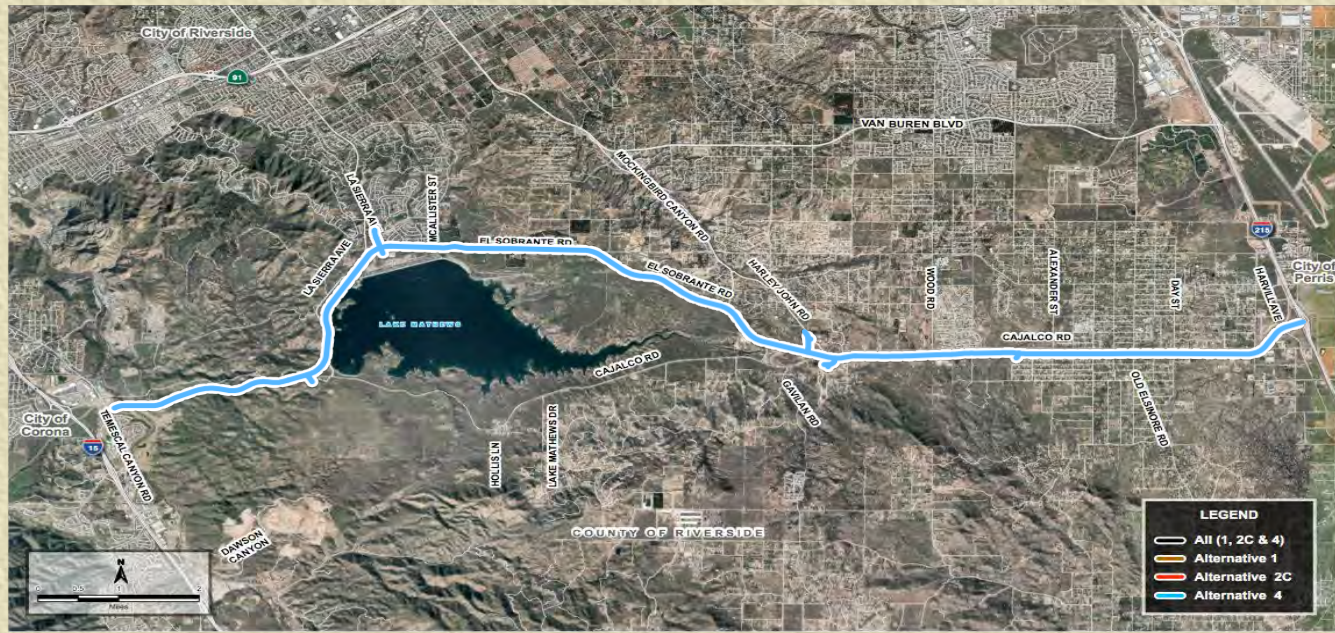
* Alternative 1 identified as Locally preferred alternative under CEQA.



Project Features	Alternative 1	Alternative 2C	Alternative 4	No-Build Alternative
Widen Cajalco Road from Temescal Canyon Road to I-215	●			
Realign Cajalco Road curves – safety improvements	●			
Paved roadway shoulders and new medians	●			
New / improved traffic signals and intersections	●			
Wildlife crossings	●			
Drainage improvements	●			
New Lake Mathews Drive connection	●			
Widen La Sierra Avenue and El Sobrante Road	○			



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Wildlife crossings	●	●		
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New Lake Mathews Drive connection	●	●		
Widen La Sierra Avenue and El Sobrante Road	○	○		

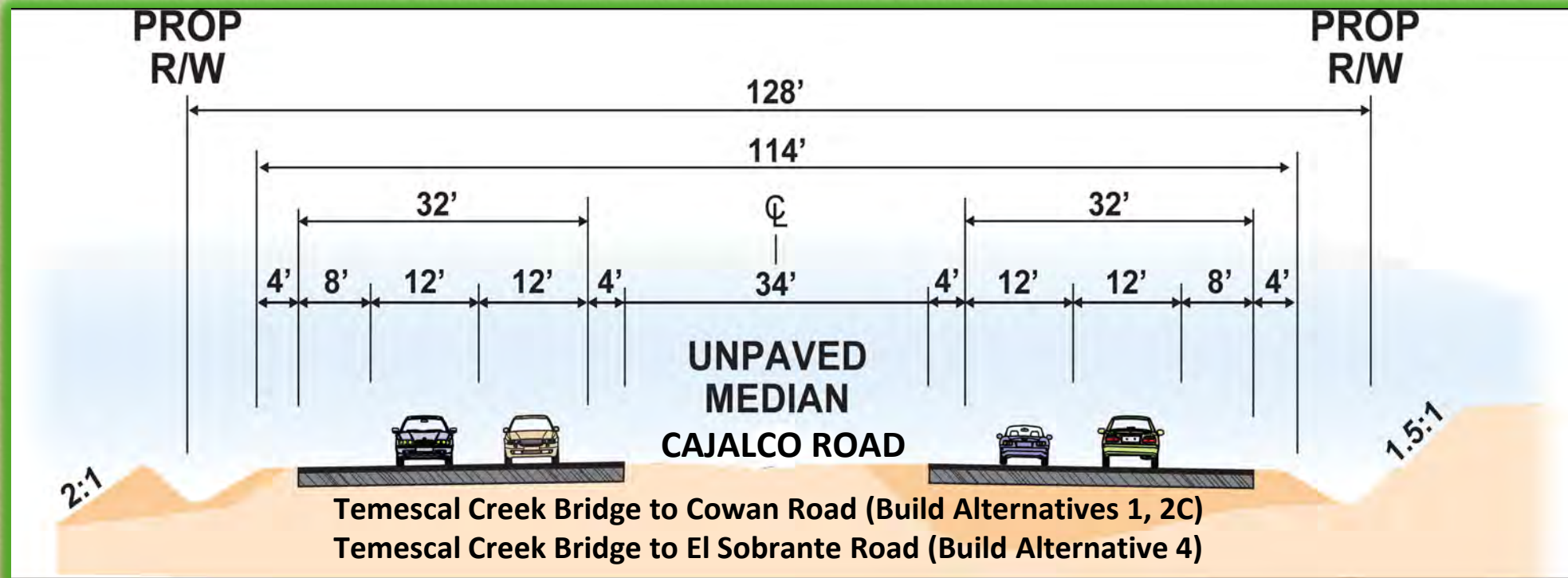


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Wildlife crossings	●	●	◐	
Drainage improvements	●	●	●	
New Lake Mathews Drive connection	●	●	○	
Widen La Sierra Avenue and El Sobrante Road	○	○	●	

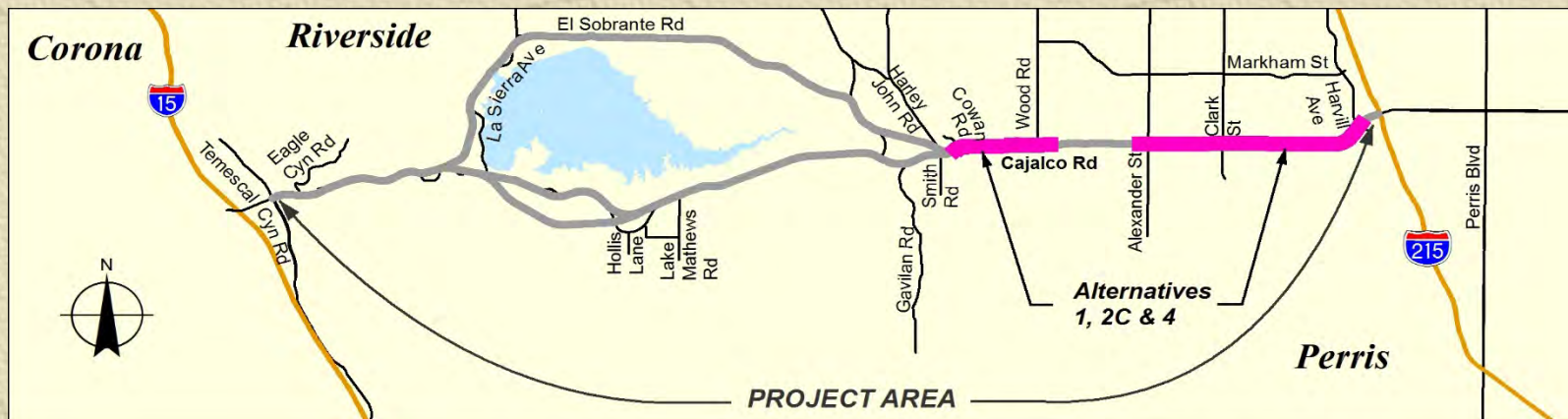
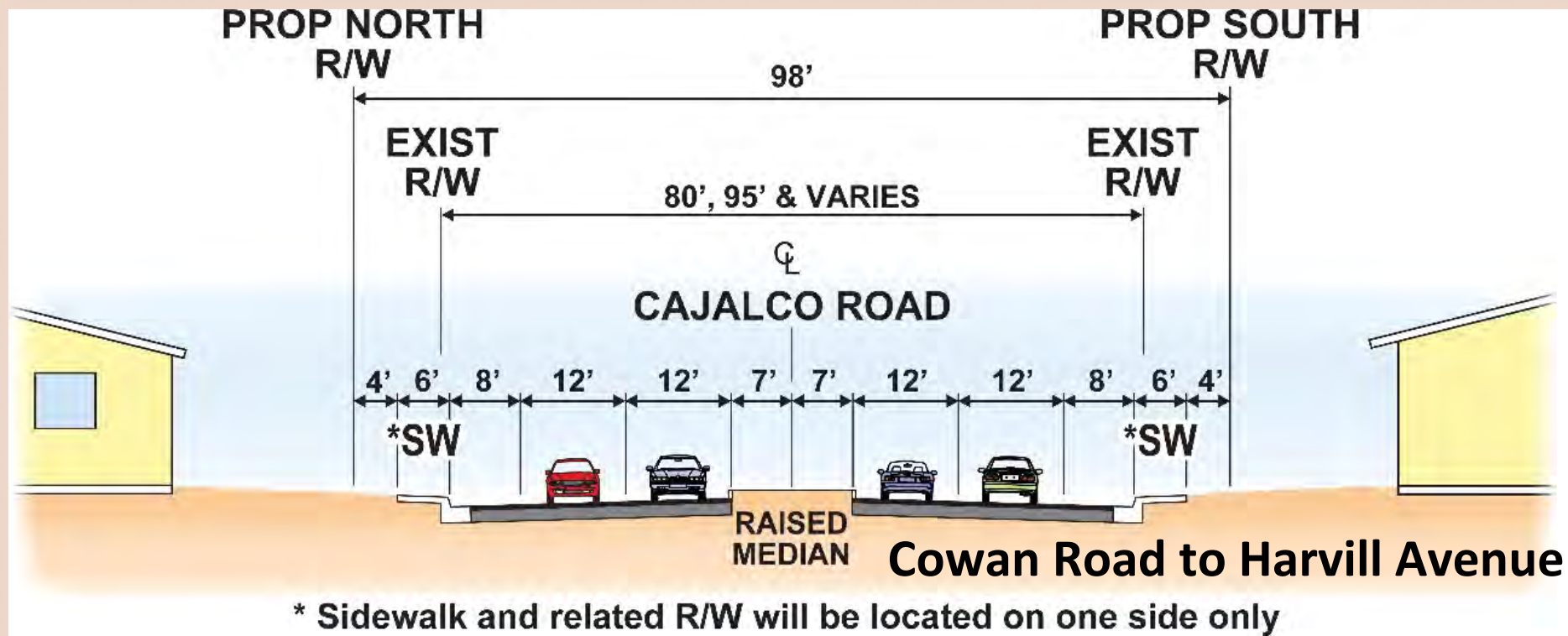


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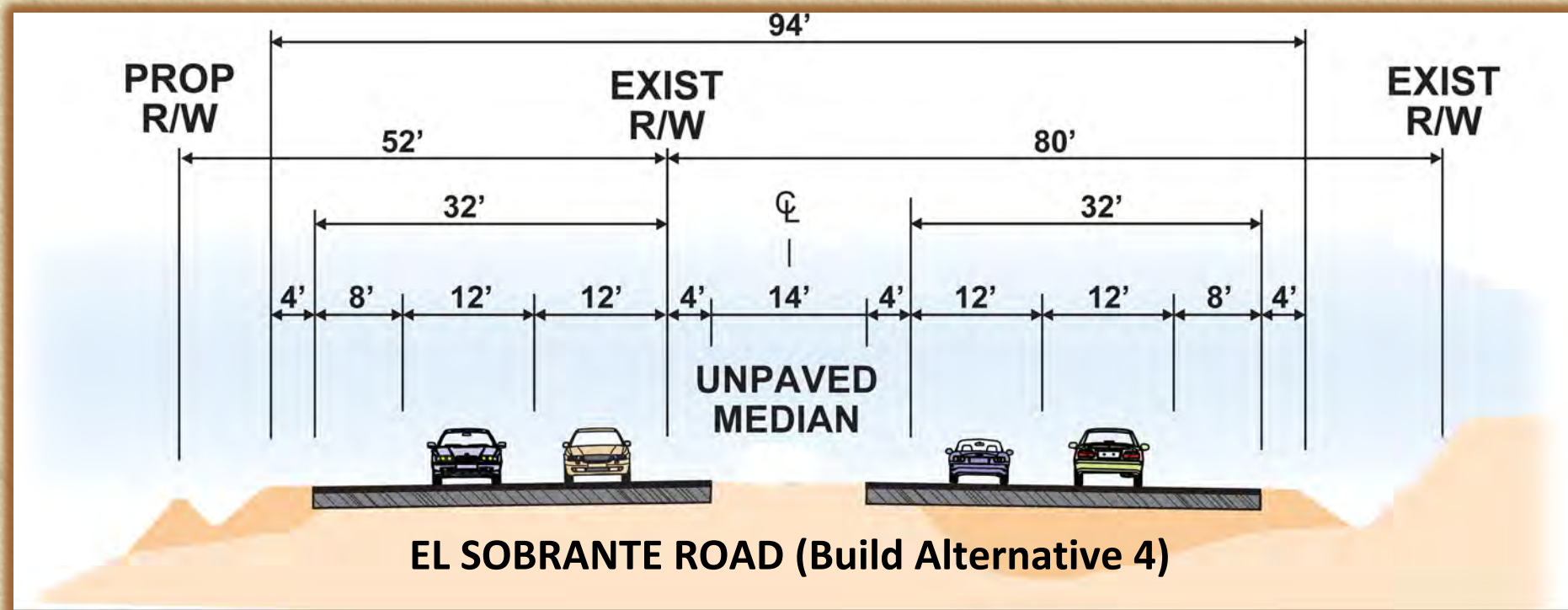
Typical Cross Sections



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Alternatives 1, 2C and 4



*Design applicable to all Build Alternatives

West End

Alternative 1



La Sierra Avenue to Lake Mathews Drive

Alternative 2C



La Sierra Avenue to Lake Mathews Drive

Alternatives 1 and 2C



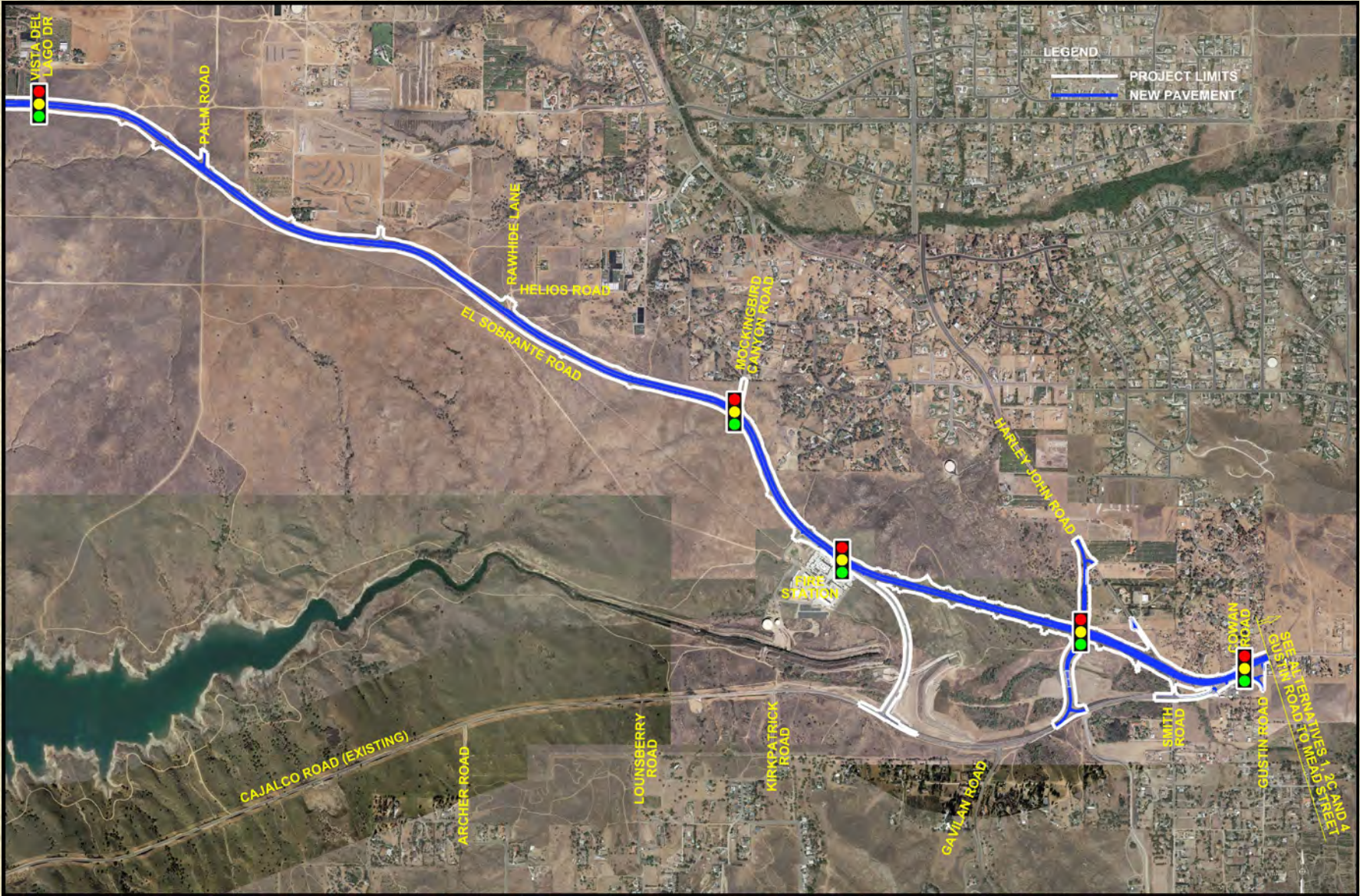
Lake Mathews Drive to Gustin Road

Alternative 4



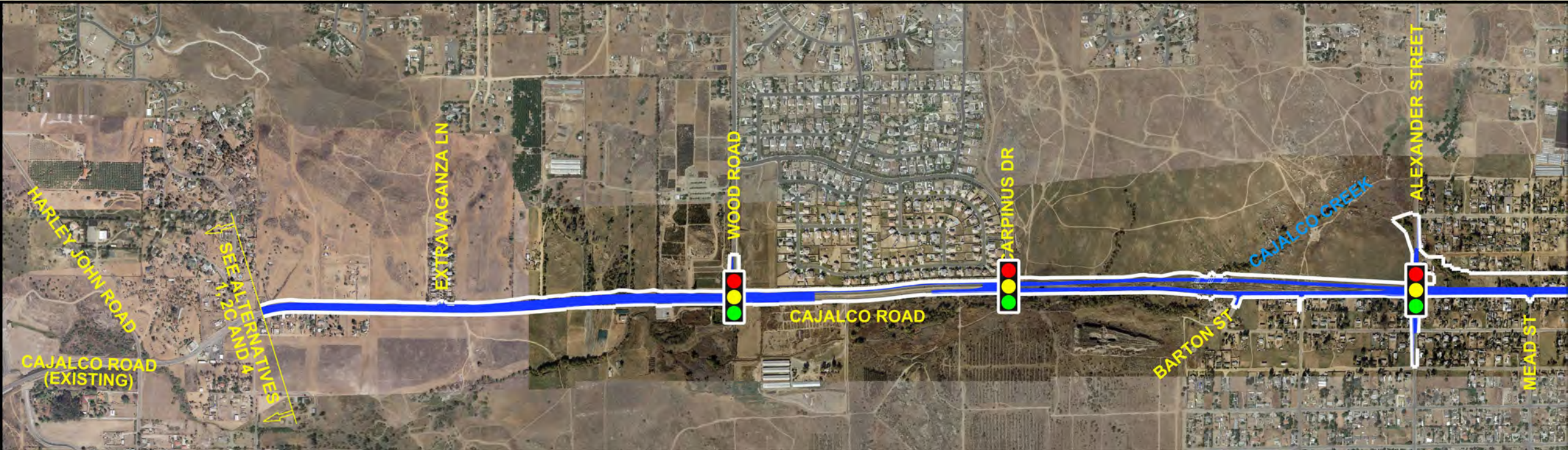
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Alternative 4



Vista Del Lago Drive to Gustin Road

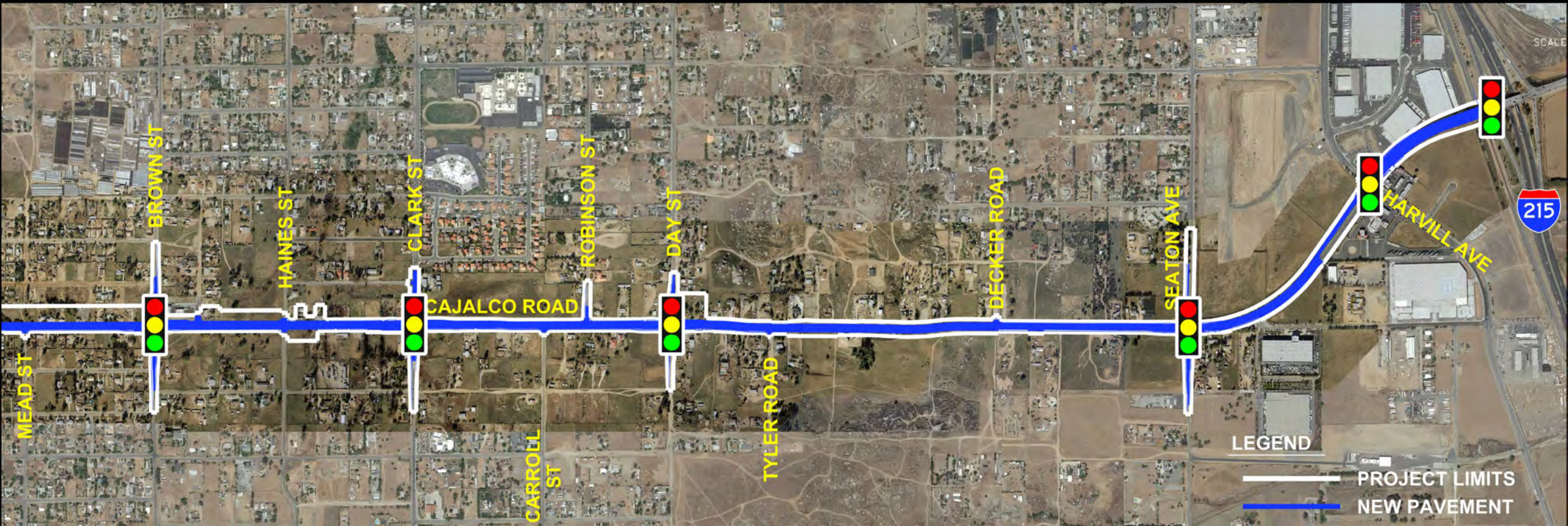
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Gustin Road to Mead Street

Alternatives 1, 2C and 4



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Mead Street to I-215

Anticipated Project Costs and ROW

Project Cost / Right of Way	Alternative 1	Alternative 2C	Alternative 4
Anticipated Project Cost	\$358,699,000	\$401,379,000	\$514,615,000
Anticipated Number of Full Acquisitions	62	62	76
Anticipated Total Acreage Needed (Includes Full and Partial Acquisitions)	218 acres	239 acres	240 acres

* Refer to Section 3.4, *Community Impacts*, of the Draft EIR/EIS for information on Caltrans' Relocation Assistance Program.

Environmental Process



Technical Studies

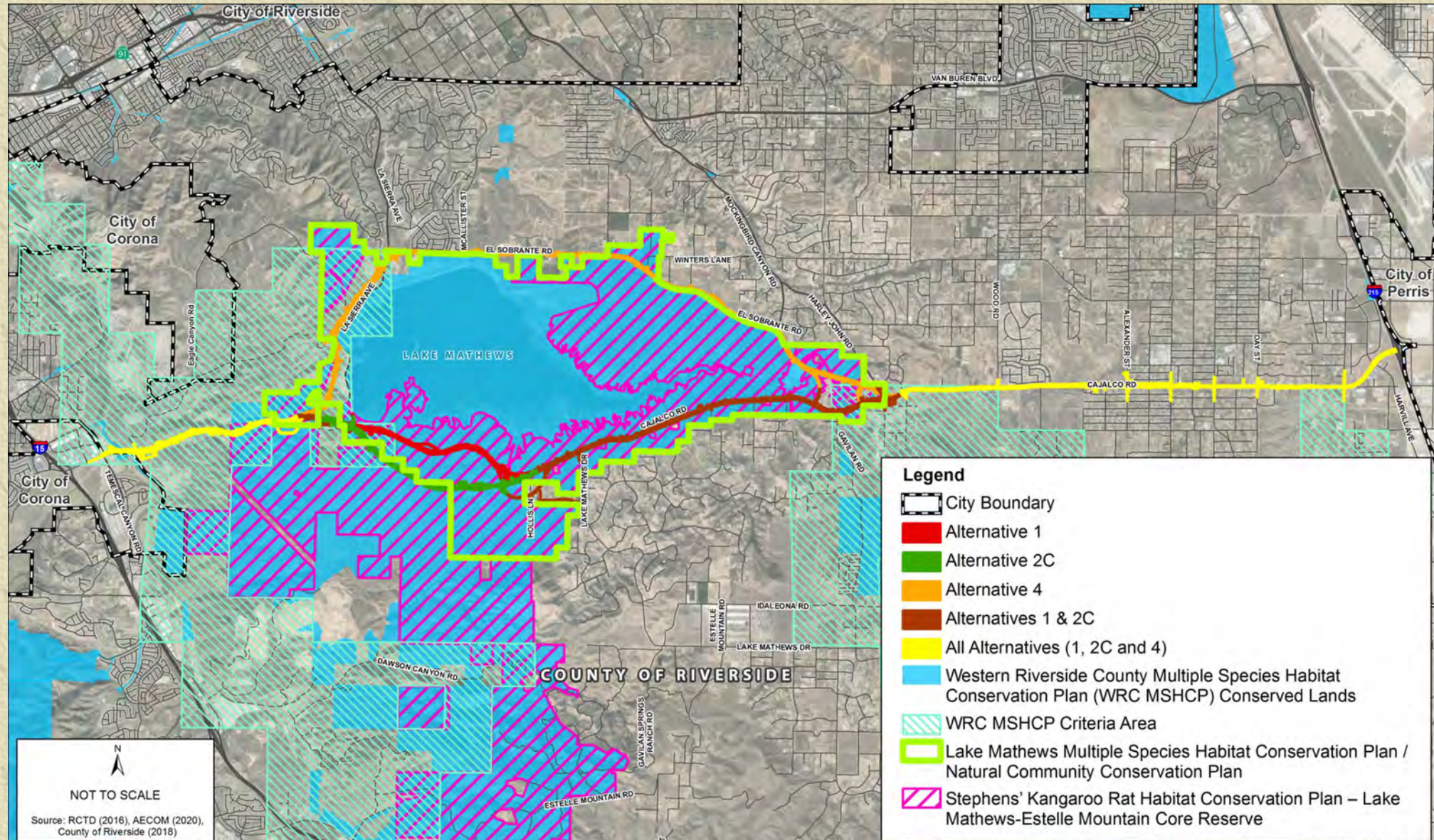
- Traffic
- Biological resources
- Noise
- Water quality
- Hazardous materials/waste
- Geotechnical assessment
- Cultural resources
- Air quality
- Visual/aesthetics
- Community impacts
- Paleontological resources
- Floodplains
- Relocation impacts



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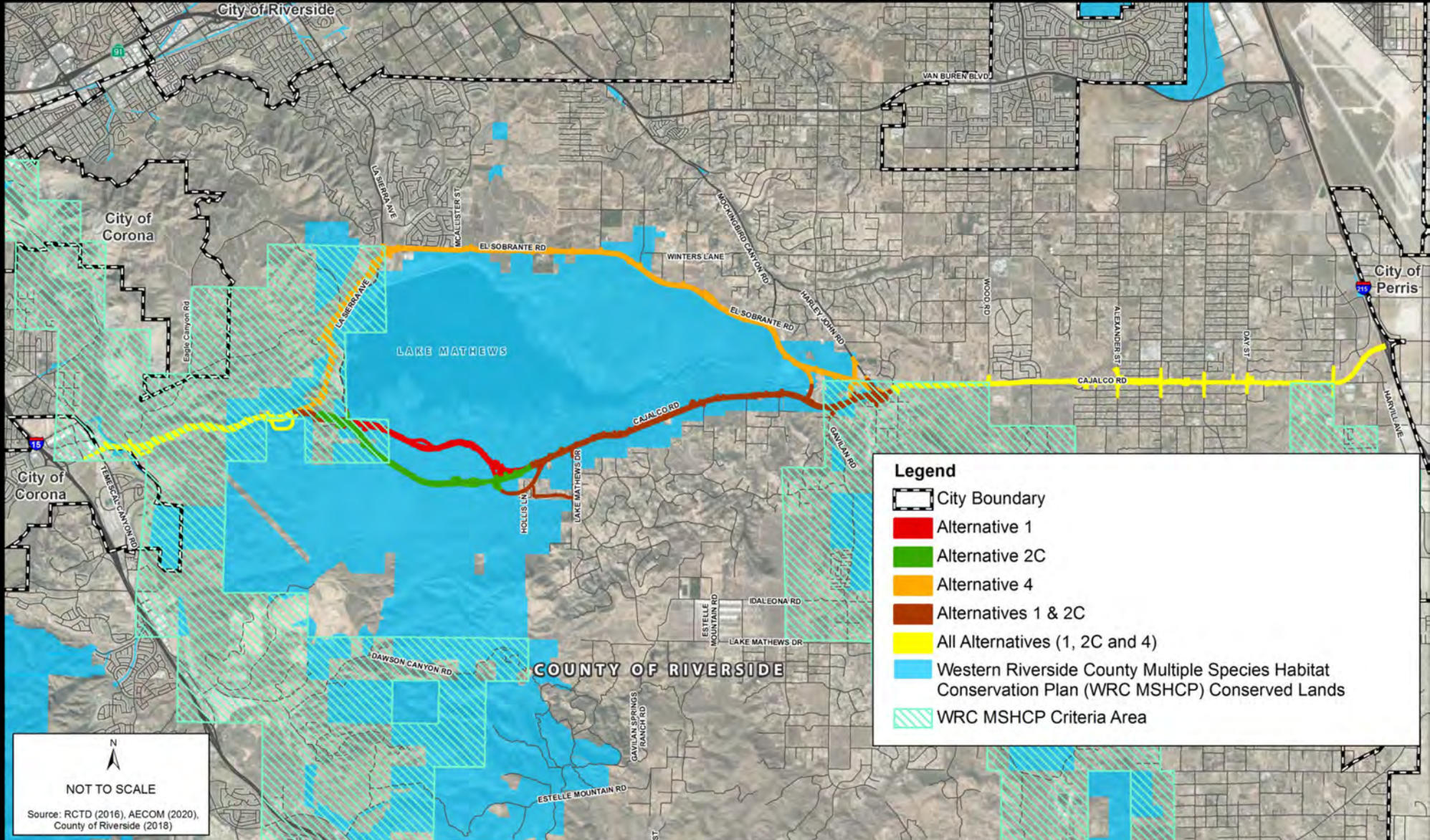
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- **Chapter 4** California Environmental Quality Act Evaluation
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Conservation Areas



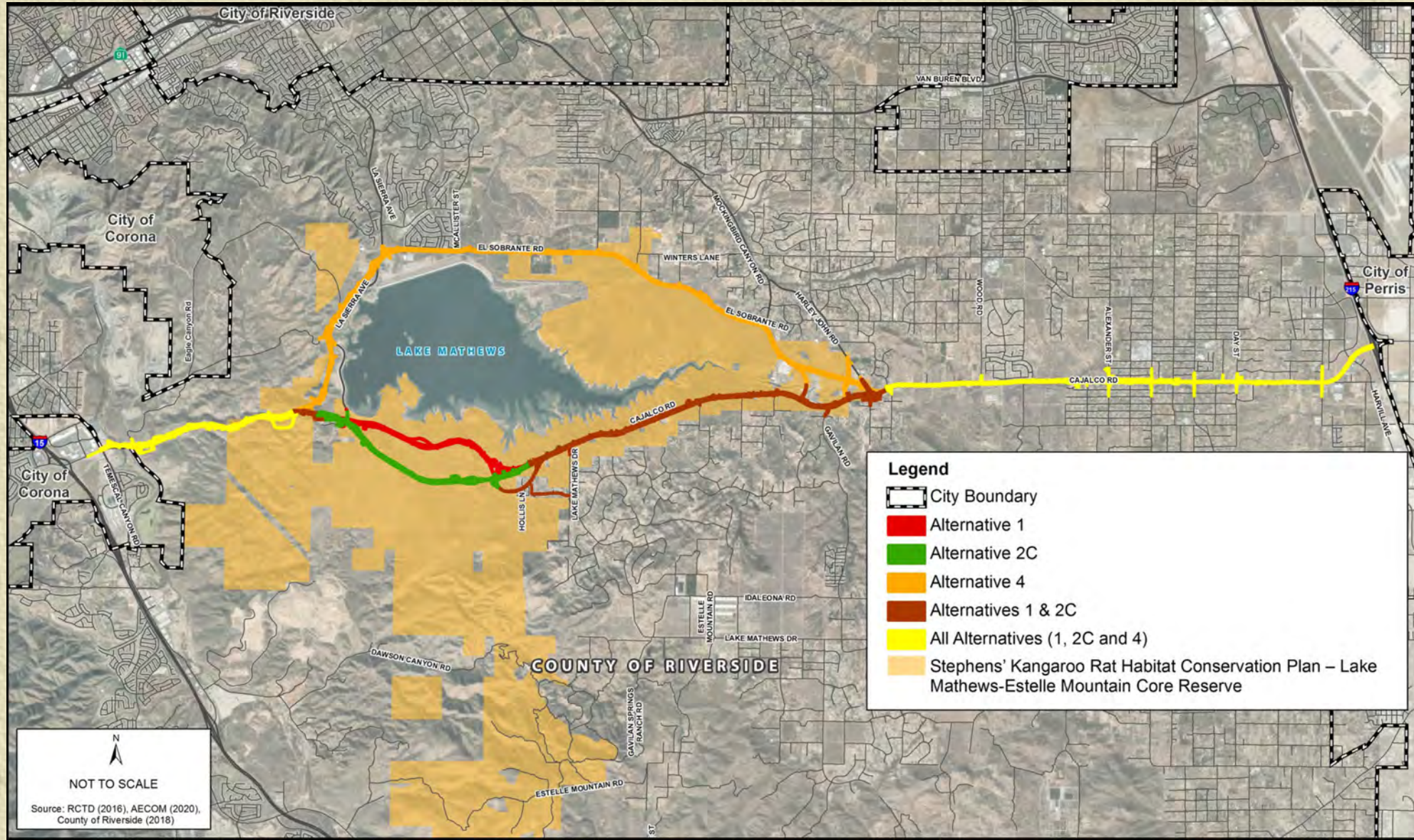
Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

Conserved Lands and Criteria Areas

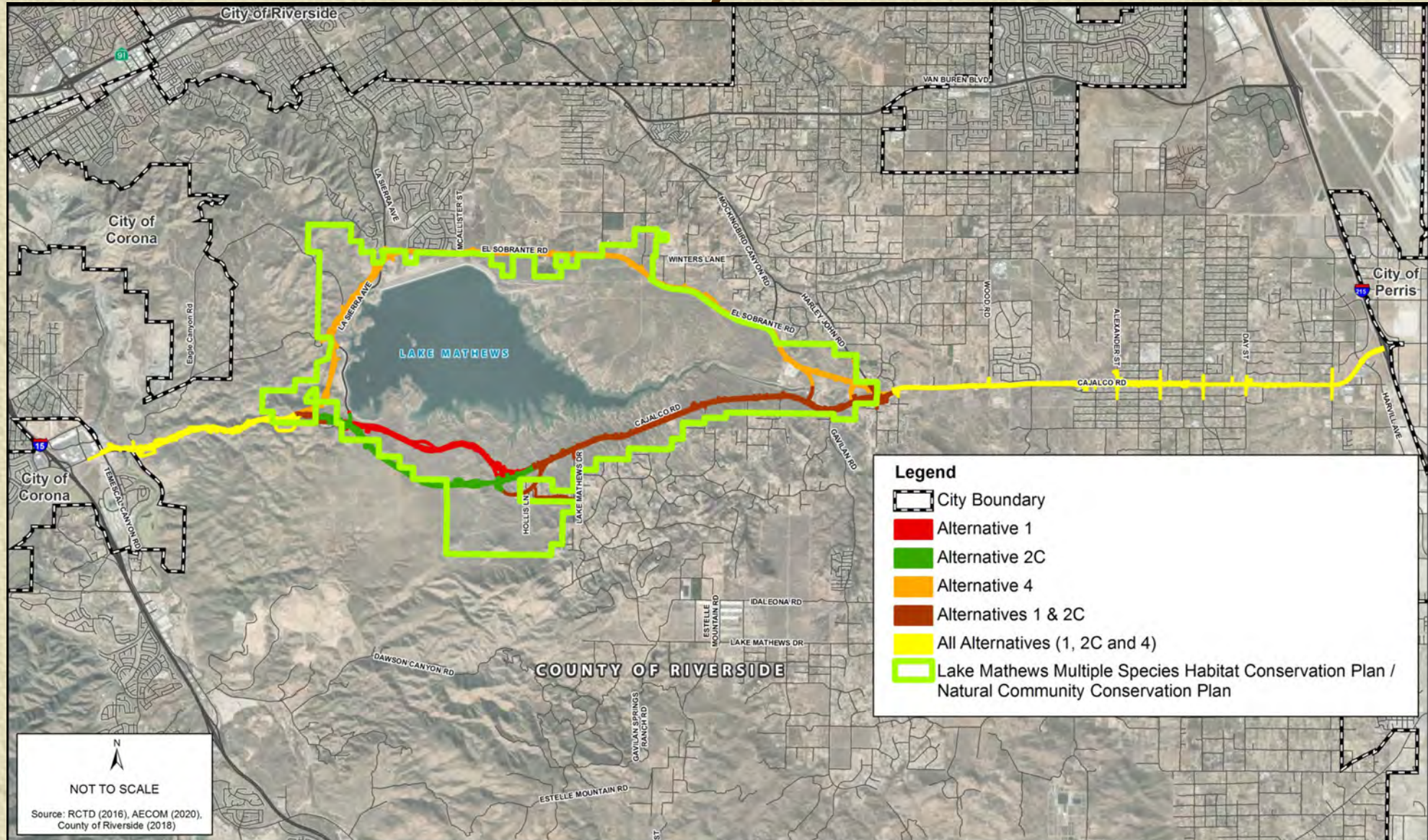


Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan

Lake Mathews-Estelle Mountain Core Reserve



Lake Mathews Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan



Wildlife Crossings

- Alternative 1 (73 Crossings)
- Alternative 2C (70 Crossings)
- Alternative 4 (51 Crossings)
- Alternatives 1 & 2C
- All Alternatives (1, 2C and 4)
- Wetlands (U.S.)
- Wildlife Crossings



Agency Coordination

Resource Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ California Department of Fish and Wildlife▪ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service▪ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers▪ Natural Resource Conservation Service▪ Regional Water Quality Control Board▪ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Resource / Land Management Districts and Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority▪ Riverside County Habitat Conservation Authority▪ Metropolitan Water District of Southern California▪ Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District▪ Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District▪ Southern California Edison
Native American Tribes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cahuilla Band of Indians▪ Morongo Band of Mission Indians▪ Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians▪ Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
Environmental Advocacy Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Audubon Society▪ California Native Plant Society▪ Center for Biological Diversity▪ Endangered Habitats League▪ Sierra Club▪ Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley▪ Friends of the Riverside Hills

Community Engagement

Public Scoping Meetings

- Public Scoping Meetings 2011 (2)
- Public Scoping Meetings 2012 (2)



Community Group Presentations and Town Halls

- Residents Association of Greater Lake Mathews (RAGLM) (5)
- Greater Lake Mathews Rural Trails Association (GLMRTA) (2)
- Mead Valley Town Hall (2)
- Woodcrest Town Hall (3)
- Temescal Valley Town Hall (1)
- La Sierra/Lake Mathews Town Hall (1)

Municipal Advisory Council Presentations

- Mead Valley MAC (3)
- Woodcrest MAC (1)

Where to Submit Comments

Opportunities to submit public comments on the Draft EIR/EIS:

- **Verbal Testimony:** Via court reporter at tonight's meeting
<< *Instructions provided on next slide* >>
- **Mail comments to:**
Attn: Cajalco Draft EIR/EIS Comment Period
Riverside County Transportation Department
3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501
- **Email comments to:** CajalcoRoad-RCTD@rivco.org
- **Fax comments to:** (951) 955-3164

Comments due no later than March 3, 2022

Process to Submit Comments



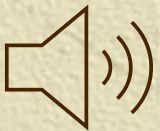
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Thank You

- We appreciate your participation
- Please visit rcprojects.org/cajalco-road-widening to review the Draft EIR/EIS



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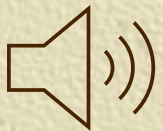
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