



State Route 76 East

South Mission Road to Interstate 15

FACT SHEET

GOALS

Relieve existing and future traffic congestion; improve motorist safety; and minimize environmental impacts

FUNDING

The current project estimate is \$201 million. Anticipated funding for the project includes the TransNet Sales Tax Measure approved by San Diego County voters in November 2004, gas tax revenues from the State Transportation Improvements Program (STIP), and federal and local funds.

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THE PROJECT

The current proposal is to develop a four-lane conventional highway from South Mission Road to just east of Interstate 15 (I-15) as well as widen and improve the SR-76/I-15 interchange. Project alternatives currently being developed include a range of alternatives both north and south of the San Luis Rey River.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The widening and realigning of SR-76 will present numerous environmental challenges. Potential concerns include increased noise, neighborhood disruption, change of community character and possible business displacements. Other environmental concerns are the possible loss of biological resources including riparian habitat, wetlands, endangered species and impacts to public parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges and historic and archaeological sites. There is also the potential for floodplain encroachment, the taking of agricultural land and visual impacts due to cuts, fills, and structures. Studies to determine the extent and severity of the impacts to these resources began in Spring 2007 and a draft environmental document will be available for review in Summer 2010. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2012.

TRAFFIC

The current traffic volume on SR-76 between South Mission Road and I-15 is approximately 25,000 average daily trips. Planned growth will increase the traffic volume to approximately 50,000 average daily trips by the year 2035. Within the study limits, a transportation project will need to be implemented to safely and efficiently handle the traffic increase. Rail transit is not planned for the corridor.

