

State Route 76 Corridor Frequently Asked Questions Series

Welcome back to your informational series about the State Route 76 (SR-76) Corridor. This series answers frequently asked questions about improvements to travel, safety and environment along the corridor. This month's question is:

Improving Your Drive Along the Highway Corridor



Question:

What are the main traffic improvements along SR-76?

Answer:

Improvements along the highway corridor aim to increase safety and reduce traffic congestion. New features include:

- ▶ A widened four-lane highway from Melrose Drive to I-15
- ▶ Reconstructed bridges over San Luis Rey River, Bonsall Creek, and Ostrich Creek, and future construction over Live Oak Creek
- ▶ Eight to ten-foot-wide shoulders to accommodate bike riders and pedestrians, as well as provide emergency parking
- ▶ Realigned curves for better sight/stopping distance and to make the road consistent with state and national design standards
- ▶ A concrete median barrier to separate oncoming traffic

Other features to improve traffic flow include providing turn pockets at signalized intersections, widened medians with acceleration lanes at unsignalized intersections, and a new signalized intersection at Via Monserate.

The main improvement is to widen SR-76 to a four-lane facility rather than a six-lane facility. Extensive analysis and review of future traffic volume projections, which include considerations of local and regional development and growth, confirm that a four-lane facility has adequate capacity. In addition, a four-lane facility is consistent with the SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and Federal air quality standards.

In short, improvements are being done to make your drive smoother and less congested on SR-76. Thank you for your continuing interest and patience during construction while we work to provide you with more reliable travel choices, improve the corridor's community and natural resources, and sustain economic growth.

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