

State Route 76 Corridor Frequently Asked Questions Series

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

An Improved Highway is Right Down the Road.



Question:

What is the SR-76 East Segment's Preferred Alternative?

Answer:

Caltrans identified the Existing Alignment as the Preferred Alternative for the SR-76 East Segment. This alignment will improve the current highway to four-lanes from South Mission Road in Bonsall to just east of the I-15.

The Existing Alignment is preferred for several reasons. It has support from federal and state environmental resource agencies, local governments, and the area's tribal community. It creates the least environmental impacts, is consistent with historical planning and the most cost-effective approach. It includes features to:

Improve Travel By:

- ▶ Adding 2 lanes to increase capacity and reduce congestion on SR-76
- ▶ Widening and upgrading the SR-76/I-15 interchange
- ▶ Expanding the Park & Ride at Old Highway 395/SR-76

Improve Safety By:

- ▶ Creating a median barrier to separate oncoming traffic
- ▶ Realigning curves to improve sight and stopping distances
- ▶ Providing new standard width shoulders for bicycles, pedestrians, and emergency parking

Improve the Environment By:

- ▶ Constructing animal crossings and fencing that directs wildlife to these paths
- ▶ Reducing storm water run-off through biofiltration and new drainage systems
- ▶ Creating, preserving, and restoring habitat areas
- ▶ Collaborating with the County of San Diego on its plans for San Luis Rey River Park

As the third and final segment, the East Segment will complete improvements along this corridor. As one of the high priority transportation projects included in the region's *TransNet* Early Action Program, these comprehensive improvements to SR-76 are outlined in the SANDAG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This plan is updated regularly to create a transportation network that will serve the future needs of our region.

Thank you for your continuing interest 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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