

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:

Preserving one of the County's biologically-rich river corridors



Question:

How do improvements along the SR-76 corridor support the plans for the San Luis Rey River Park?

Answer:

Caltrans is coordinating with the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation to construct park features as it continues to improve the SR-76 corridor. Where possible, the SR-76 project includes developing parts of the park's trail system and future parking areas—such as parking for horse trailers.

Caltrans is also donating land it owns along the corridor to the park. At eight-miles long, the San Luis Rey River Park is one of the more ambitious parks in size and scope in San Diego County. It will feature:

- ▶ A vast, multi-use trail system: As many as 20 miles of trails will provide access to the park's diverse resources and amenities.
- ▶ Significant open space: At 1,600 acres, it will preserve, in perpetuity, a contiguous section of one of the County's biologically-rich river corridors and provide critical habitat for several threatened and endangered species.
- ▶ Recreational amenities: The final master plan calls for 40 acres of active recreational park development, including opportunities for smaller passive parks and features such as bird-watching platforms.

The future park is one of the reasons why Caltrans identified the existing alignment as the preferred alternative. Having more animal crossings and reducing pollutant run-off are all good things for the future park. Once the highway work is completed, the actual park construction will begin. To learn more about the County of San Diego's San Luis Rey River Park Master Plan, visit www.sdcounty.ca.gov/reusable_components/images/parks/doc/mpcondensed.pdf.

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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