

# MEMORANDUM

## Development Services Department Engineering Division

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**Through:** Peter A. Weiss, City Manager 

**From:** David DiPierro, City Traffic Engineer 

**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2009

**Subject:** **Proposed State Route 76 Widening Project**

Caltrans staff will be making a presentation to Oceanside City Council on December 16, 2009, to give an update on the State Route 76 (SR-76) Project. The start of construction is tentatively scheduled for January 2010. Construction for the project is expected to be completed in December 2012. The project is to develop a four-lane conventional highway that can accommodate widening to six lanes, from Melrose Drive in Oceanside to South Mission Road in Bonsall. Current traffic volumes along this segment of SR-76 are approximately 30,000 average daily trips which are expected to increase to 60,000 average daily trips by the 2030. The estimated project costs are \$181.6 million. The project will be paid for from the following funding sources:

- \$76.0 million from TransNet;
- \$75.3 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act;
- \$16.8 million from the Federal Demonstration; and
- \$13.5 million from state funds.

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act



# State Route 76

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## STATE ROUTE 76 PROJECT – MELROSE DRIVE TO SOUTH MISSION ROAD FACT SHEET – DECEMBER 2009

### The Project

State Route 76 will be expanded to include a four-lane conventional highway that can accommodate widening to six lanes, from Melrose Drive in Oceanside to South Mission Road in the unincorporated community of Bonsall.

### The Need

Population growth along the SR-76 corridor will likely double the traffic volume from approximately 30,000 average daily trips to more than 60,000 average daily trips by the year 2030. The collision rate also meets or exceeds the statewide average compared to similar two-lane routes. The project would reduce the potential for collisions in the future.

### Jobs

Construction of SR-76 from Melrose Drive to South Mission Road will generate an estimated 3,300 jobs for the San Diego Region and California.

### Partnership

The project is developed through a partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the San Diego Association of Governments.

### Project Status

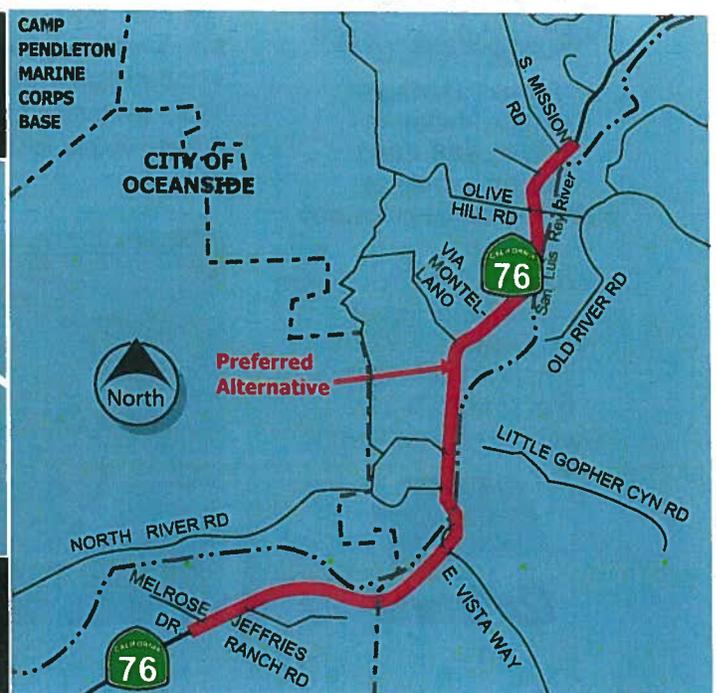
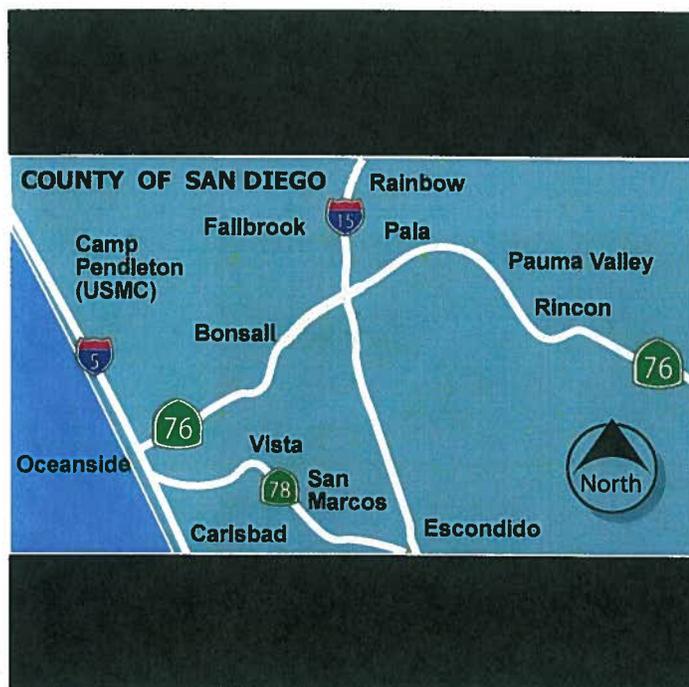
The Environmental Document was approved in November 2008. Construction is planned to begin later this year. Caltrans will make use of the design sequencing process, which involves designing portions of the project as construction is underway on other portions, saving time and money.

### Project Costs

The estimated project cost is 181.6 million. Funding sources include \$75.3 million from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and \$16.8 million from Federal Demonstration. State funds are contributing \$13.5 million and the TransNet sales tax measure approved by San Diego County voters in 2004 is contributing \$76 million.

### Project Schedule

Start Construction: January 2010  
Complete: December 2012





# State Route 76 Middle

## Melrose Drive to South Mission Road

### FACT SHEET

### GOALS

Relieve existing and future traffic congestion

Improve motorist safety

Minimize environmental impacts

Create an estimated 3,300 jobs for the San Diego Region and California

### WHAT'S COMING

The current proposal is to develop a four-lane conventional highway that can accommodate widening to six lanes, from Melrose Drive in Oceanside to South Mission Road in Bonsall. Caltrans identified the preferred alternative in the November 2008 Final Environmental Document (see map on back).

### ACCOMMODATING GROWTH

The current traffic volume on SR-76 between Oceanside and South Mission Road is approximately 30,000 average daily trips. Planned growth will increase the traffic volume to more than 60,000 average daily trips by the year 2030. Rail transit is not planned for the corridor. The collision rate on SR-76 between Melrose Drive and Olive Hill Road meets or exceeds the statewide average compared to similar two-lane routes. The proposed build alternatives would reduce the potential for collisions in the future.

### MAKING PROGRESS

The Environmental Document was approved in November 2008. Groundbreaking is planned for January 2010 and construction is expected to be complete in December 2012. Caltrans will make use of the design sequencing process, which involves designing portions of the project as construction is underway on other portions, saving time and money.

### PROJECT CONTRIBUTORS

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