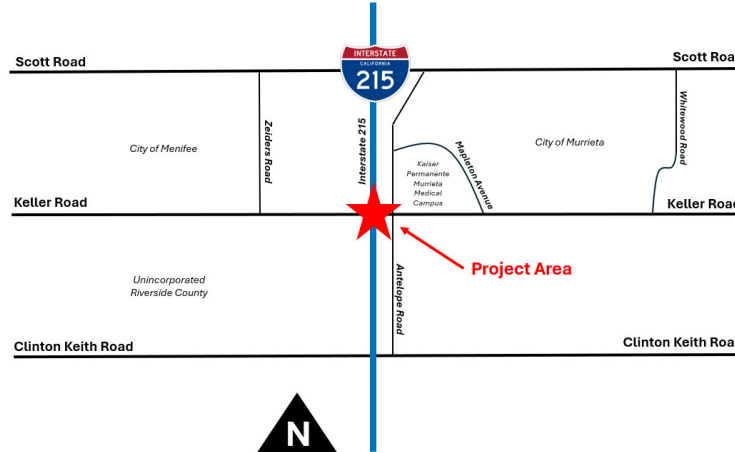




PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) available
Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA)
for the Interstate 215/Keller Road New Interchange Project

Announcement of an Open Forum Hearing



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

The City of Murrieta (City), in cooperation with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8, County of Riverside (County) and the City of Menifee, proposes a new full interchange and auxiliary lanes at Interstate 215 (I-215) and Keller Road in Riverside County. Along I-215, the project limits are from north of Clinton Keith Interchange to south of Scott Road Interchange. The project would also include traffic striping along Keller Road from Pamplona Avenue to Whitewood Road. Four alternatives have been evaluated: three Build Alternatives (Alternative 2 - Spread Diamond Interchange, Alternative 3 - Partial Cloverleaf Interchange, and Alternative 5 - Compact Diamond), and the No-Build Alternative (Alternative 1). The purpose of this project includes improving connectivity to the regional transportation system and for future economic development and improving mobility for all users between the I-215, the cities of Murrieta and Menifee, and unincorporated Riverside County. Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with inter-agency consultation for particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) and carbon monoxide (CO) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

WHY THIS AD

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show that the project will significantly affect the quality of the environment. Explanations are provided in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA). This public notice is to inform the public of the preparation of the Draft EIR/EA and of its availability for the public to review. An open forum hearing will be held to give the public an opportunity to discuss project design features with the Project team before the final design is selected. A court reporter will be present to receive comments from public attendees.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

The public can review or obtain the Draft EIR/EA from **June 13, 2025 to July 29, 2025** at Murrieta City Hall. Address and available times are provided below. Maps and other information are also available.

- Murrieta City Hall**
1 Town Square, Murrieta, CA 92562
Available to review:
- Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 - Closed on holidays

Please call the City of Murrieta at (951) 304-2489 to confirm availability of hard copies for review.

Additional project information may be downloaded from the project website at:

<https://www.murrietaca.gov/1224/I-215Keller-Road-Interchange-Project>

WHERE YOU COME IN

If you wish to make a comment on the Draft EIR/EA that will be part of the public record, please submit comments in writing no later than **5:00 PM, July 29, 2025** to: Hannah Duarte, Acting Senior Environmental Planner, California Department of Transportation, District 8, 464 W. 4th Street, MS 820, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400, or via e-mail to 215NewKellerRdIC@dot.ca.gov. The date we will begin accepting comments is **June 13, 2025**.

WHEN AND WHERE	<p>An open forum hearing will be held on the following date and location to give you an opportunity to talk about the project with City and Caltrans staff:</p> <p>Tuesday, July 8, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Murrieta City Hall, Council Chambers Room, 1 Town Square, Murrieta, CA 92562</p> <p>Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter or documentation in alternate formats) are requested to contact Cristal McDonald at (951) 461-6030, CityClerk@MurrietaCA.gov at least 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.</p>
CONTACT	<p>For more information about this project, please contact Cristal McDonald, City Clerk, at (951) 461-6030. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document may be made available in Braille, large print, audiocassette, or a computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these formats, please contact Cristal McDonald via phone (951) 461-6030 or by email CityClerk@MurrietaCA.gov. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 854-7784 (From or to Speech to Speech) or dial 711.</p>