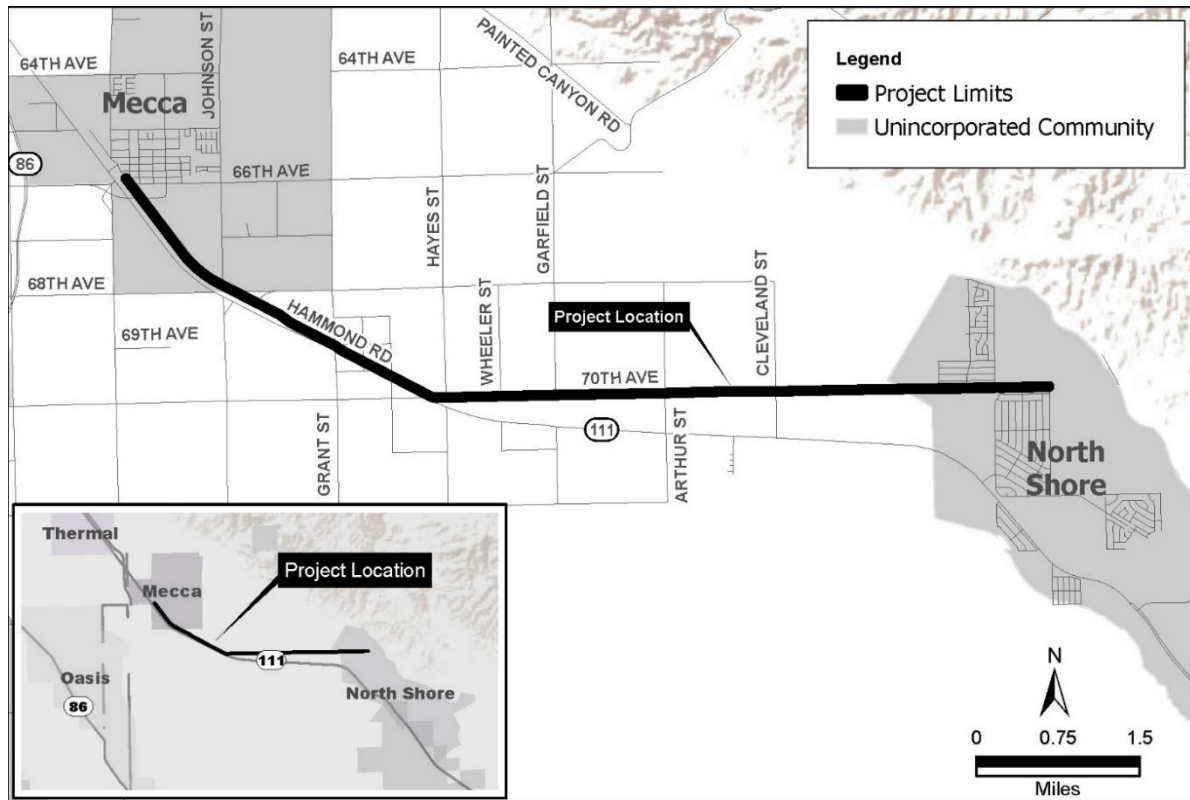


## Public Notice

### Notice of Availability of a Draft Initial Study and Intent to Adopt Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Announcement of Public Meeting

### Hammond Road and 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bike Lanes Project



#### PUBLIC MEETING: WHERE AND WHEN

**Date:** March 17, 2026

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** North Shore Elementary School, 96-100 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mecca, California 92254

**Room:** Multi-Purpose Room

#### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The County of Riverside Transportation Department (County) is proposing to widen Hammond Road and 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue to accommodate buffered bike lanes between the unincorporated communities of Mecca and North Shore in Riverside County, California. Each side of the road would be widened by 9 feet, providing new 5-foot-wide bike lanes with 4-foot-wide buffers in each direction between the intersections of Hammond Road and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the north and 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sea View Way to the southeast. An existing bridge over the Wasteway No. 1 Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (Coachella Valley Water District), just east of Cleveland Street, would be widened. The purpose of the Project is to improve bicycle mobility and safety, vehicular safety, and to improve connectivity between the unincorporated communities of Mecca and North Shore.

#### WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The County, as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has studied the proposed Project and concluded that it would not significantly affect the environment. The report detailing this finding is called an Initial Study. This notice serves to advertise the availability of the Draft Initial Study and your opportunity to read and comment on it, as well as the opportunity to attend the public meeting as advertised in this notice. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors will consider approval of the Project and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project after March 26, 2026.

#### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed Project will be available beginning February 25, 2026. This document will be available for 30 days from February 25, 2026 through March 26, 2026. The document will be available for review at the following locations:

- County of Riverside Transportation Department, 3525 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside, CA 92501 (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- Riverside County Library (Mecca), 91260 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mecca, California 92254 (During normal library hours)
- Project website: <https://trans.rctlma.org/hammond-rd-70th-ave-bike-lanes>

#### WHERE YOU COME IN

Please submit your comments on the Initial Study in writing no later than March 26, 2026, to Don Copeland, County of Riverside Transportation Department, 3525 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside, CA 92501, or via email [dcopelan@rivco.org](mailto:dcopelan@rivco.org). Comments will be accepted beginning February 25, 2026. Based on study findings in the MND, the County has determined that the proposed Project will not have a significant effect on the environment because potential effects would be mitigated to a less-than-significant level through the incorporation of the mitigation measures. Potentially significant impacts for which mitigation measures were incorporated include Biological Resources. Pursuant to Section 15072(g)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, it has been determined that the proposed Project site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code pertaining to hazardous wastes. Your written comments will be considered in the decision on the proposed Project and will be forwarded to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors before action is taken on the proposed Project. Notice of said decision will be mailed to any person requesting notification. No decision will be taken until after the review period is complete.

#### CONTACT

For more information about this Project or to receive a copy of the Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Hammond Road and 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bike Lanes Project, please contact Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner, County of Riverside Transportation Department, at (951) 955-6759 or via email [dcopelan@rivco.org](mailto:dcopelan@rivco.org). In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations, including auxiliary aids and services at no cost, to participate in the meeting by contacting the individual noted above at least 3 business days before the scheduled event. This document is available in alternate formats upon request.