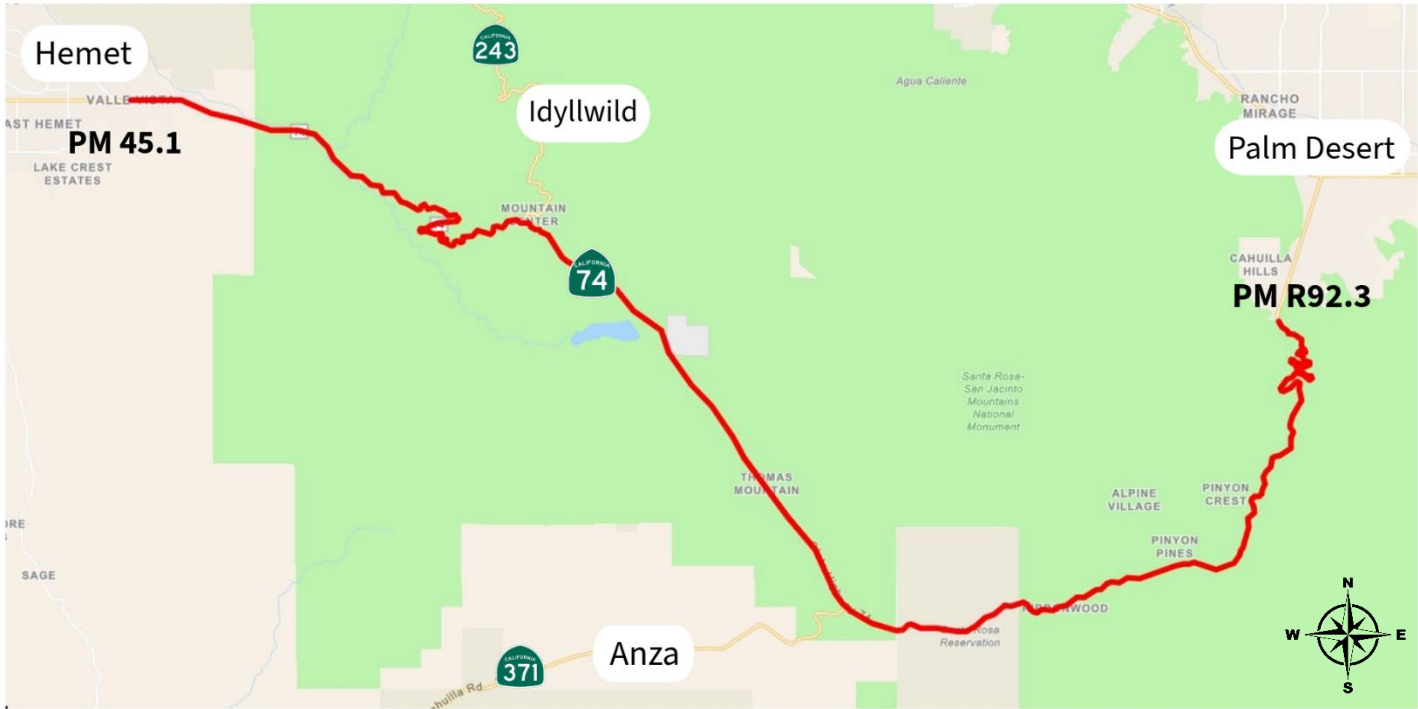




PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

State Route 74 Pavement Rehabilitation Project



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED	The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes pavement rehabilitation on an approximately 50.6-mile segment of SR-74, starting at Fairview Avenue at Post Mile (PM) 45.1, near the City of Hemet, and ending 7.1 miles east of Big Horn Drive at PM R92.3, near the City of Palm Desert, in Riverside County. The project involves the reconstruction/upgrade of the pavement along SR-74 (through cold plane and overlay), culvert replacements, guardrail and end treatment replacements, sign panel replacements, localized digouts, construction and upgrade of curb ramps to Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards, Transportation Management Systems (TMS) elements, and complete streets elements, such as sidewalks and bus pads.
WHY THIS AD?	Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it would not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an <i>Initial Study (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)</i> . This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the <i>Initial Study (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)</i> and of its availability for you to read, and to also offer the opportunity to request a public hearing or to provide comments, and the intent to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration.
WHAT'S AVAILABLE?	Copies of the <i>Initial Study (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)</i> , including associated maps, and other project information are available by request via email (SR74PavementRehabilitationProject@dot.ca.gov) or via phone at (909)261-3955.
WHERE YOU COME IN	Do you have any comments about processing the project with an <i>Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration</i>? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the <i>Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration</i>? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? We'd like to hear what you think. Please submit your comments via email or in writing, no later than August 17, 2026, to: California Department of Transportation ATTN: Malisa Lieng, Senior Environmental Scientist 464 W. 4th Street, MS 823 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400; or via email to SR74PavementRehabilitationProject@dot.ca.gov Please use "SR-74 Pavement Rehabilitation Project" in the subject line of the email. The date we will begin accepting comments is July 17, 2026. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.
CONTACT	For more information about this project please contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, please write to Malisa Lieng, Senior Environmental Scientist, 464 W. 4th Street, MS 823, San Bernardino, California 92401-1400; or you may contact the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1(800) 855-3000 (Spanish TTY to Voice and Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech to Speech) or dial 711.