



**LA PATA AVENUE GAP CLOSURE AND CAMINO DEL RIO EXTENSION PROJECT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Public Resources Code Section 21091 and CEQA Guidelines California Code of Regulations Section 15105, notice is hereby given that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2005061051) for the proposed La Pata Avenue Gap Closure and Camino Del Rio Extension Project (proposed project) is available for public review during the 45-day public comment period (November 3–December 17, 2010). The purpose of this notice is to inform local residents, institutions, agencies, and other interested parties about the availability of the DEIR during the public comment period (November 3–December 17, 2010). The County of Orange (County) has prepared the DEIR to analyze the environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project; to discuss alternatives; and to propose mitigation measures for identified potentially significant impacts that will minimize, offset, or otherwise reduce or avoid those environmental impacts. The proposed project is located in the City of San Clemente and unincorporated Orange County. The proposed project will widen La Pata Avenue from three to five lanes from approximately 2,700 feet south of Ortega Highway (State Route 74 [SR-74]) in the County to the existing road terminus at the County's Prima Deshecha Landfill, and implement a gap closure by constructing four new lanes from the existing terminus to Calle Saluda and Avenida La Pata in the City of San Clemente, and the extension of Camino Del Rio from its existing terminus in the Forster Ranch Community of San Clemente to the proposed Avenida La Pata. Environmental analysis for each section of La Pata Avenue from SR-74 to 2,700 feet south was completed as part of the proposed Antonio Parkway widening project. The purpose of the proposed project is to eliminate an existing gap in the County arterial highway system and establish a connection between SR-74 to the north and Calle Saluda to the south.

The DEIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following Environmental Analysis Checklist categories: Land Use, Traffic, Air Quality, Noise, Aesthetics, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Population and Housing, Hydrology and Water Quality, Public Services and Utilities, Recreation, Agricultural Resources, Mineral Resources, and Global Climate Change. The project site is not listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5. The proposed project would result in significant unavoidable adverse impacts related to construction air quality, long-term traffic circulation, and long-term noise.

<p align="center">DEIR Reviewing Locations</p> <p align="center">County of Orange Department of Public Works 300 North Flower Street Santa Ana, CA 92703</p> <p>City of San Clemente City of San Juan Capistrano 100 Avenida Presidio 32400 Paseo Adelanto San Clemente, CA 92673 San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675</p> <p>San Clemente Library San Juan Capistrano Regional Library 242 Avenida Del Mar 31495 El Camino Real San Clemente, CA 92672 San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675</p> <p>Online: www.ocpublicworks.com</p> <p>Address Comments to:</p> <p align="center">County of Orange Department of Public Works Attn: Harry Persaud, Division Manager, Planned Communities 300 North Flower Street Santa Ana, CA 92703</p> <p>Email: Lapataproject@ocpw.ocgov.com</p> <p>Public Meeting: A public meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the San Clemente Community Center Auditorium located at 100 North Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672.</p>	
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