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County Planning Commission to consider proposed La Pata Gap Closure, Extension of Camino del Rio at April 27th Meeting

SANTA ANA - On April 27, 2011, the Orange County Planning Commission will consider the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed La Pata Gap Closure and Camino del Rio Extension. This project will improve traffic congestion, minimize environmental impacts and maintain and improve south Orange County's quality of life.

The public meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the County Hall of Administration at 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., 10 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana.

The Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) studies the proposed project that would extend and widen the existing 1.8-mile portion of La Pata Avenue south of Ortega Highway, outside the City of San Juan Capistrano, roughly two miles to connect with La Pata Avenue in San Clemente at Calle Saluda. The project also includes the Camino del Rio quarter-mile extension to the future La Pata Avenue from where it ends, just east of Camino de Los Mares. Both highways are proposed as four-lane roadways.

The Final EIR considers and addresses all written comments received on the project from public scoping sessions and meetings through the Draft EIR phases.

The document is available on the County's website at www.ocpublicworks.com/pcpw/projects/lapata.aspx. It is also available for public review at the following addresses:

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County of Orange
OC Public Works
300 North Flower Street, Room 622
Santa Ana, CA 92703

San Juan Capistrano Regional Library
31495 El Camino Real
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

San Clemente Library
242 Avenida Del Mar
San Clemente, CA 92672

City of San Juan Capistrano
32400 Paseo Adelanto
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

City of San Clemente
100 Avenida Presidio
San Clemente, CA 92673

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