



I-15/Railroad Canyon Road Interchange Improvements

California – Congressional District 49
 Representative Darrell E. Issa

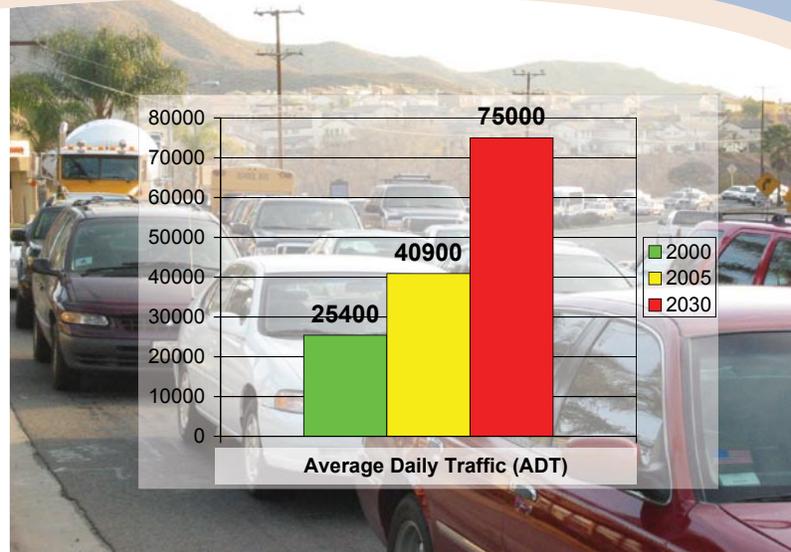
FY 2010 Transportation and Housing and Urban
 Development Appropriations

REQUEST: \$3 MILLION

The City of Lake Elsinore requests \$3 million under the Surface Transportation Program for right-of-way acquisition for an improved interchange on Interstate 15 at Railroad Canyon Road.

MATCHING FUNDS

Matching funds are available through locally collected Transportation Improvement Fees, locally collected area benefit district fees and locally collected Regional Funds (Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fees – TUMF).



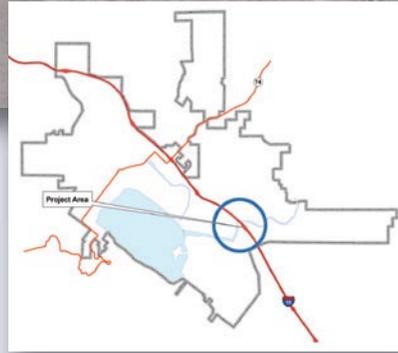
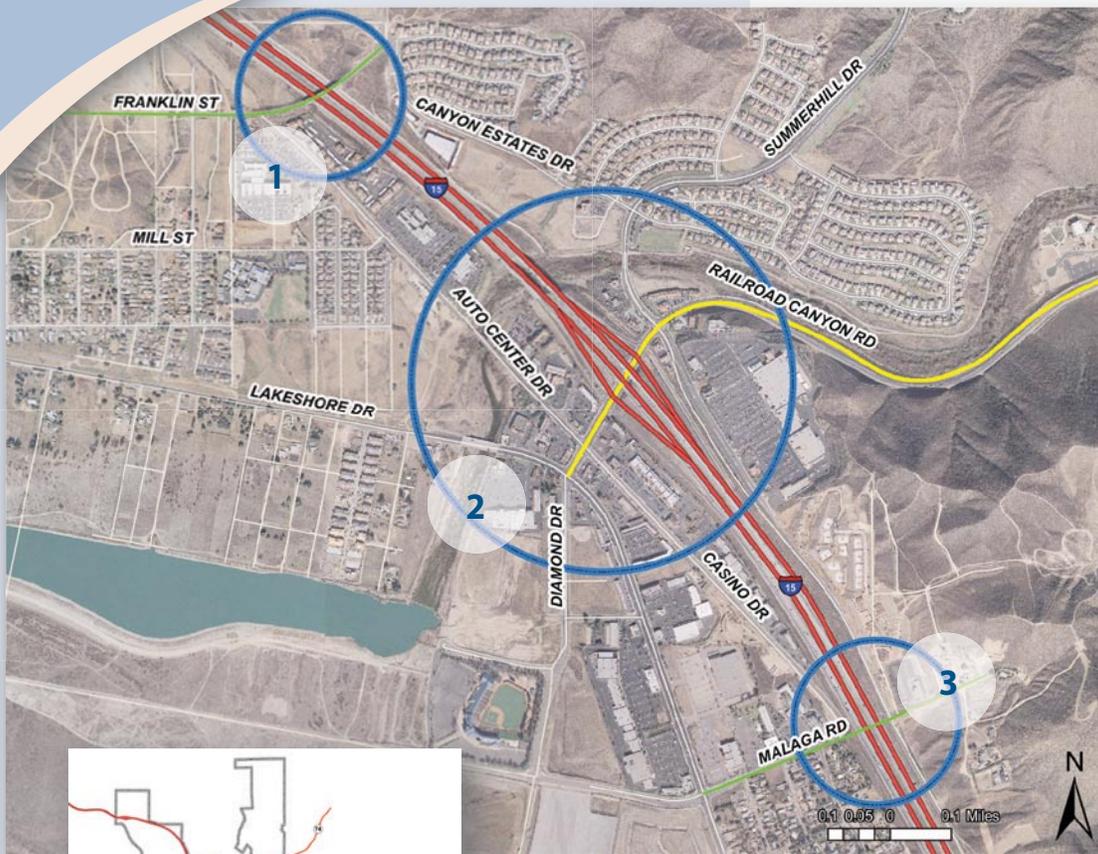
Current traffic impacts, volumes, and projected ADT levels on Railroad Canyon Road remain the City's number one challenge.

PROJECT PURPOSE

Railroad Canyon Road serves as a connector route between I-15 and I-215 in Southwest Riverside County. The current interchange with I-15 serves approximately 50,000 vehicles per day. In its current condition, during peak hours of travel, vehicles are backing onto the freeway mainline in both the north and southbound directions. This unsafe condition interferes with the capacity and function of this highway section. The level of service at the intersections adjacent to this interchange is rated Service-F. (see "Purpose" back page)



Over \$3 million in interim improvements to the existing interchange, including on/off ramp widening and under crossing lane addition on Railroad Canyon Road, have been completed. Constructing the ultimate improvements is the City's highest priority transportation project.



A Proposed Solution: Railroad Canyon Road Interchange System

Railroad Canyon Road Interchange System is a result of a CALTRANS Value Analysis Study. The system proposes a new freeway connection at Franklin Street (1), ramp and under crossing improvements at Railroad Canyon Rd. (2) and an over crossing at Malaga Road (3).

("Purpose" continued)

The Railroad Canyon Road/I-15 project not only serves the City of Lake Elsinore, but creates regional benefits as it serves the cities of Canyon Lake and Menifee in the northeast and the City of Wildomar to the south.

The entire region benefits from an increased level of service and traffic safety both on the I-15, as well as through regional surface streets. An ancillary benefit to the project is the reduction in traffic delays, which lowers vehicle emissions.

City staff is currently working with Caltrans to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document. This document is anticipated to be completed by Winter 2010.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Plans, specifications and estimates are expected to be completed for bidding purposes by Fall of 2010. After receiving approvals from Caltrans, construction is anticipated to begin in 2013.

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