



**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

DATE: May 17, 2019
SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR No. 628) and
Public Scoping Meeting
PROJECT: Brea Boulevard/Brea Canyon Road Widening Project (IP 17-046) SCH # 2017051005
APPLICANT: County of Orange, OC Public Works

Public Scoping Meeting: The County will host a public scoping meeting to be held as noted below to provide an update to the project and to solicit comments relative to the content of the information to be analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR).

Date: May 29, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Mariposa Elementary School Cafeteria
1111 West Mariposa Drive
Brea, CA 92821
(see attached map)

Due to the extended period of time that has elapsed and updated project scope since the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a draft EIR was distributed on May 2, 2017 and public scoping meeting held on May 24, 2017, an updated NOP and Initial Study has been prepared and another public scoping meeting will be held.

Public input regarding the appropriate topics for analysis to be included within the EIR is being sought. In order for your concerns to be incorporated into the Draft EIR, we need to know your views as to the scope and content of the environmental information in connection with the Brea Canyon Road Widening Project (Project). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b), all comments must be received as soon as possible but ***not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.*** The comment period for this Notice is May 20, 2019 to June 19, 2019. You may provide your comments at the Scoping Meeting or by submitting them in writing to the address at the bottom of this Notice.

Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d), the County of Orange, as lead agency, has determined that an Draft EIR would be required. Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(c)(3), the Initial Study prepared for the Project will assist in focusing the Draft EIR on the effects determined to be significant. Upon completion of the Draft EIR, that document will be made available for public review and comment. There will be public notice regarding its availability at that time. Following the public review period for the Draft EIR, responses to all public and public agency comments received will be prepared and the project will be scheduled for a noticed public hearing before the Orange County Planning Commission.

Project Description and Location: The OCPW has identified the need to widen Brea Boulevard/Brea Canyon Road (hereafter referred to as Brea Canyon Road) consistent with the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). The Brea Canyon Road Widening Project (Project) is located partially in the City of Brea, from Canyondale Drive to the north City limit, and partially in unincorporated Orange County, from the north City limit to approximately 1,200 feet northeast of Tonner Canyon Road, a total

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length of approximately 7,600 linear feet or 1.4 miles. In addition, approximately 1,100 feet of Brea Canyon Channel from 600 feet north (upstream) of Central Avenue to 1,700 feet north (upstream) of Central Avenue within the City of Brea.
Refer to the attached figures.

Brea Canyon Road would be widened from two to four lanes (two lanes each direction) with 11 foot minimum width lanes, shoulders that would vary from 6-foot to 10-foot wide that could serve as bike lanes, and a raised median that varies from 12- foot to 14-foot or a 6-foot wide median with a concrete barrier.

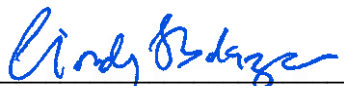
The Project is intended to address safety by improving the design of existing curves within the Project and reducing the potential for motorist conflicts. Additionally, the Project is intended to address traffic congestion during the A.M and P.M. peak hours and is expected to enhance the Level of Service (LOS) from an existing LOS F to LOS A, substantially improving traffic flow through Brea Canyon Road. This would be accomplished by widening Brea Canyon Road, installing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Brea Canyon Road and Tonner Canyon Road, and installing a new traffic signal approximately 1,200 feet north of Canyon Country Road to provide a safe left turn on Brea Boulevard for the oil field operator.

Widening and safety improvements of the roadway would also require replacing three bridges over Brea Canyon Channel, improvements to Brea Canyon Channel, improving and extending various drainage crossings and utility bank crossings, relocating utilities and oilfield-related equipment (e.g., power transmission poles, oil lines, oil wells, telephone duct banks, etc.), replacing the existing traffic signal at Brea Canyon Road and Canyon Country Road, and multiple retaining walls, the highest of which is over 60 feet. Some right-of-way (R/W) acquisition and driveway access point modification (e.g., driveway relocation or reconstruction) would also be required.

Construction is expected to last approximately 4.5 years and is anticipated to begin in the year 2020.

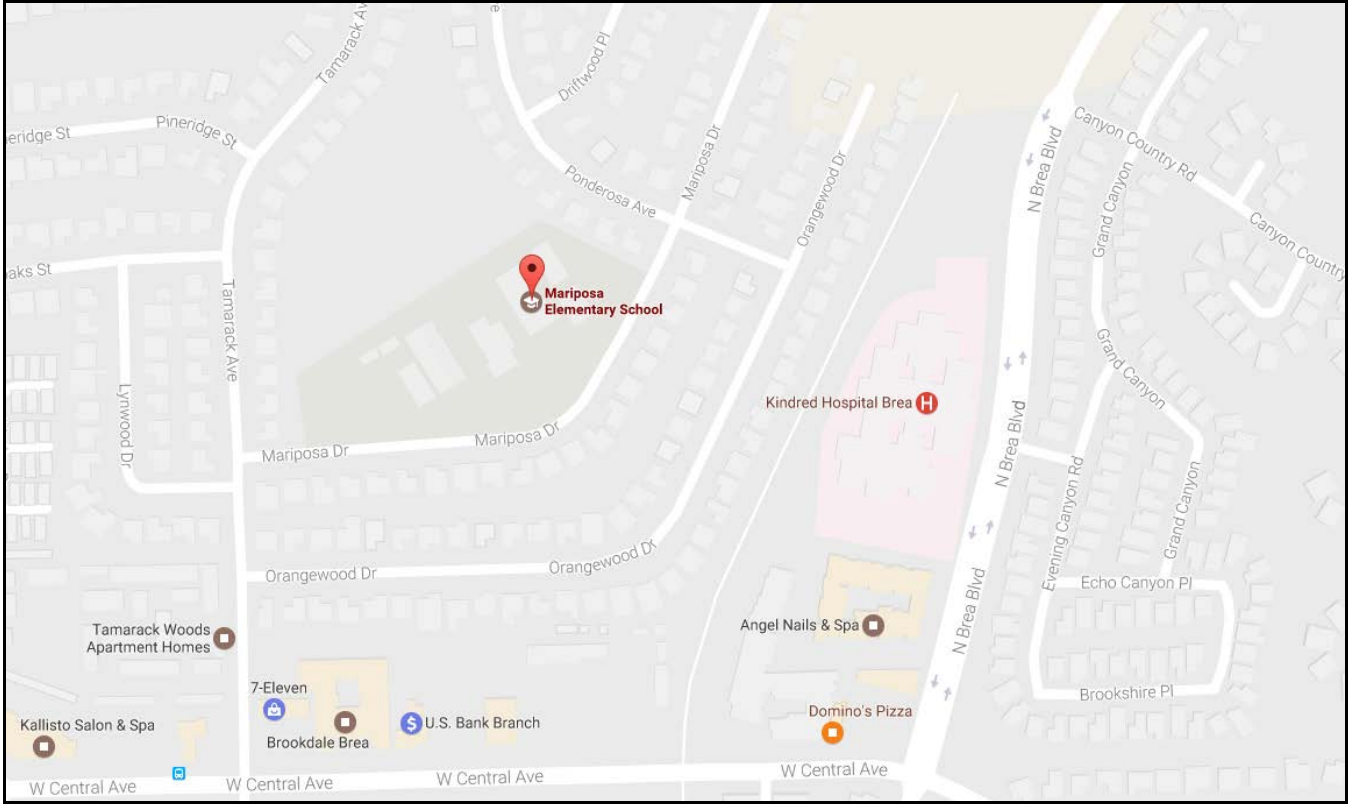
The Notice of Preparation with Initial Study IP 17-046 is available for review on the County's website: http://www.ocpublicworks.com/ds/planning/projects/4th_district/brea_canyon_road_widening_project

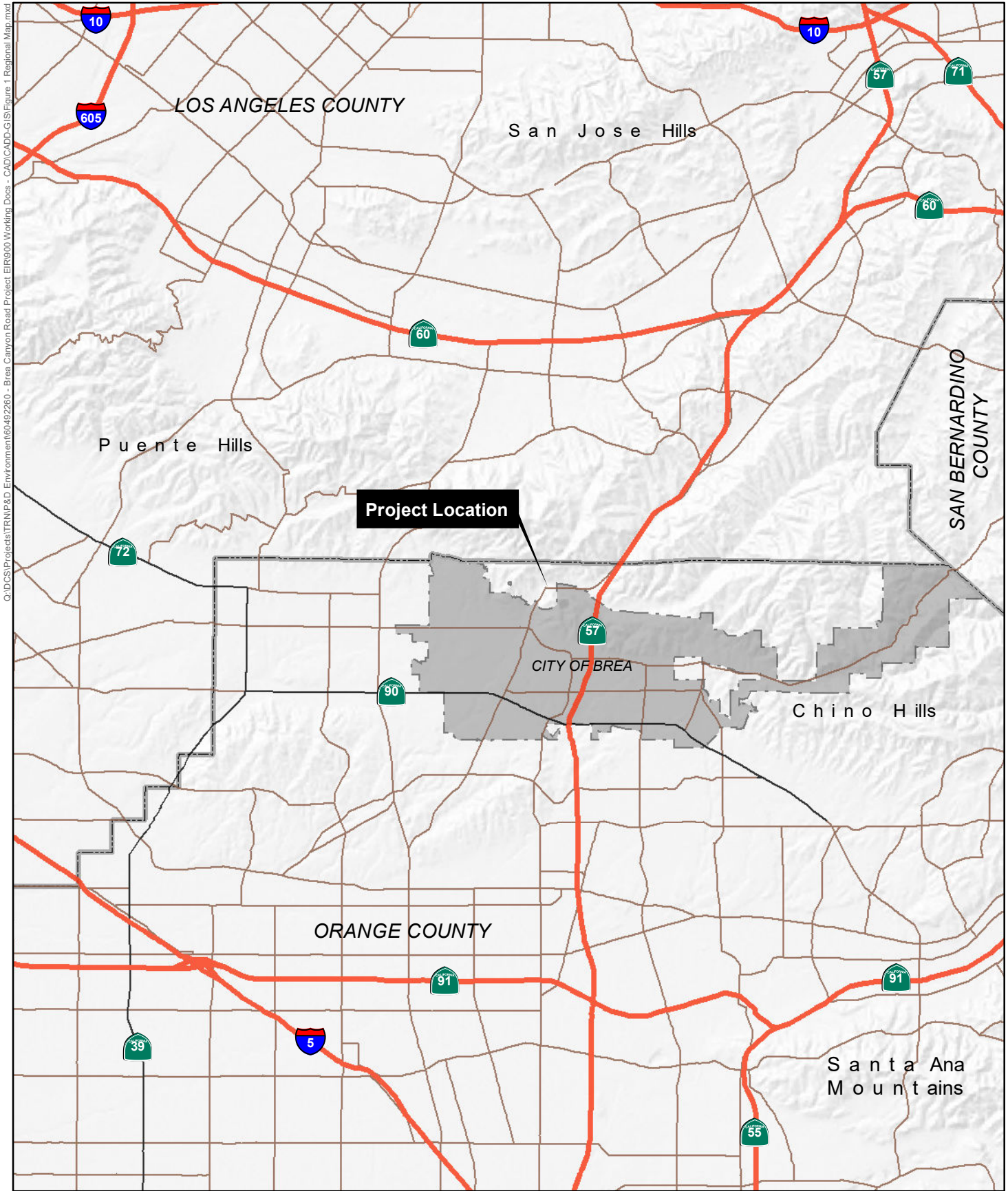
If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Cindy Salazar at (714) 667-8870. Submit written comments to the following email address: Cindy.Salazar@ocpw.ocgov.com. The mailing address is OC Development Services/Planning, 300 N. Flower Street, Santa Ana, CA 92703.

Submitted by: 
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Attachment: Location Maps

Mariposa Elementary School





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Source: CalAtlas (2017), OC Public Works (2019), and AECOM (2019).



Figure 1
Regional Map

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Eagle Aerial Imaging (2015), OC Public Works (2019), and AECOM (2019).



Figure 2
Vicinity Map

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Figure 3
Proposed Project