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Casa Blanca and Orange Terrace Community Group Meetings December 12-13, 2012

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1. Presentation Outline

- Why are we here?
- Why the Project?
- What is an EIR?
- What is next?





2. Presentation Outline

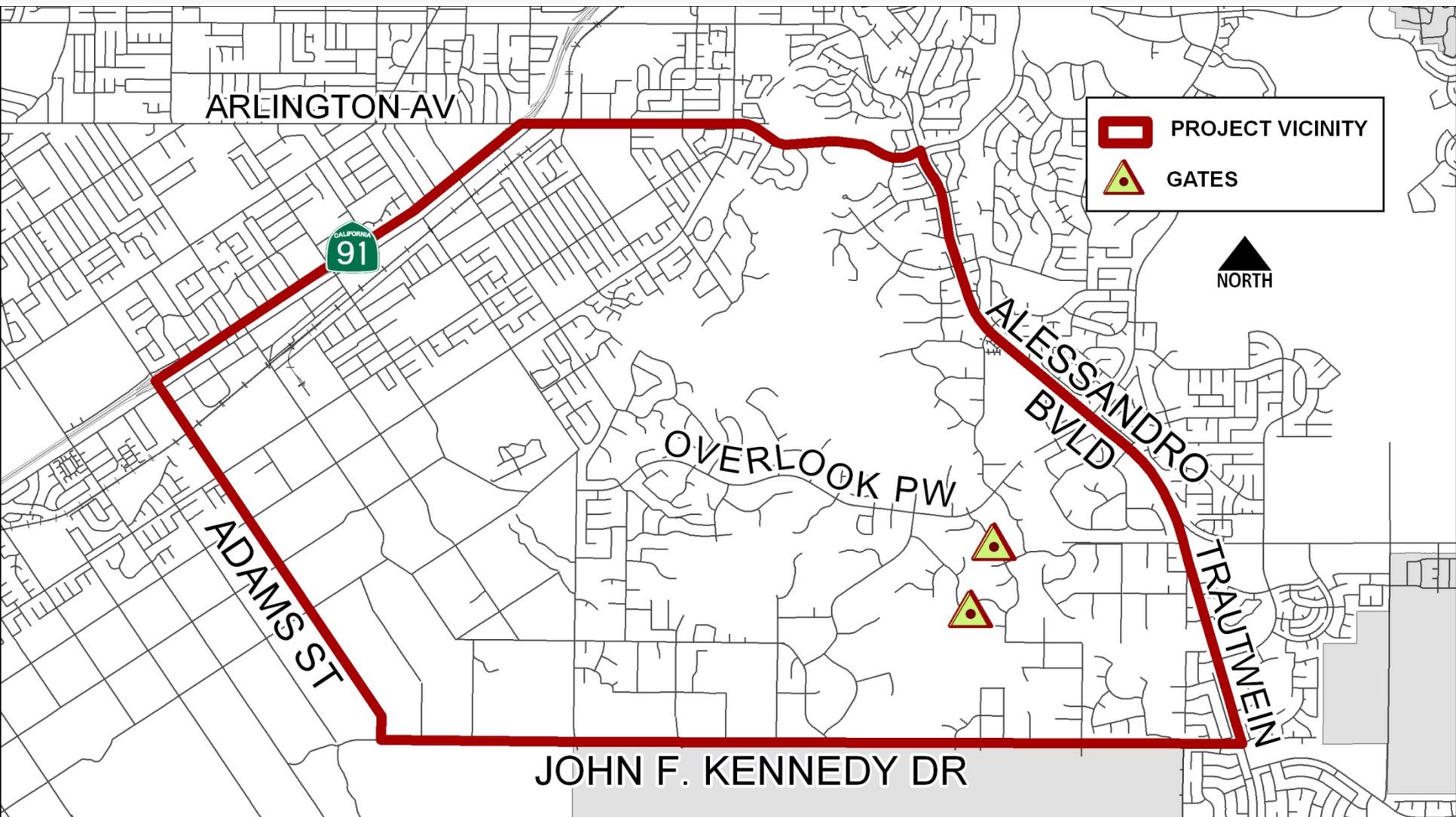
- Project Description Overview
- Overview of EIR Process
- Issues addressed in the Draft EIR
- Schedule and Public Comments



3. Terms

- CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
 - Inform public and decision-makers
 - Environmental impacts
- EIR = Environmental Impact Report
- Project = Action
 - Four circulation scenarios
- Impacts = Physical Change
- Mitigation = Measures to avoid, minimize or compensate for impacts

4. Project Vicinity

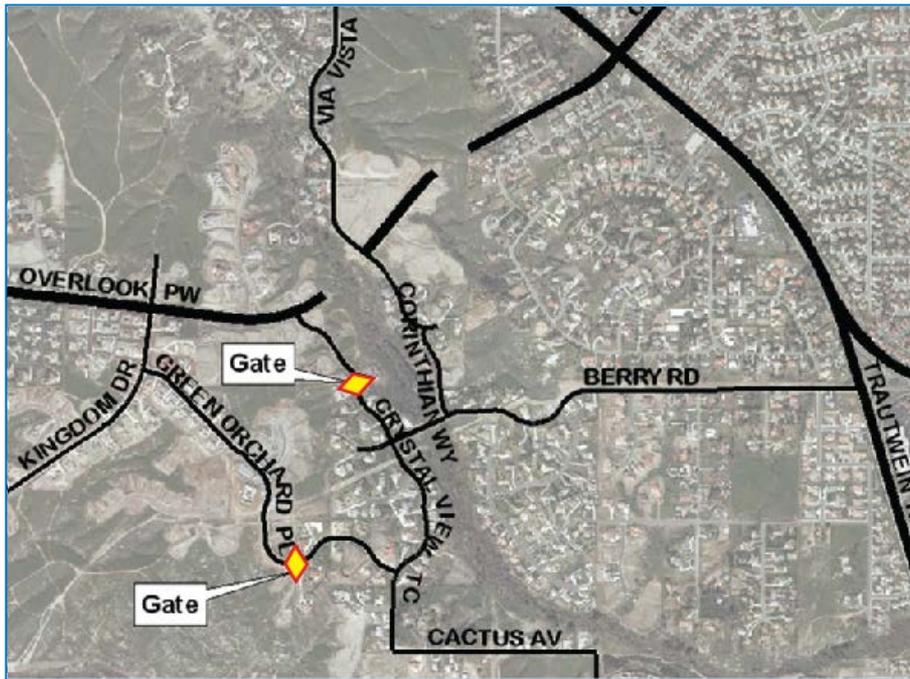




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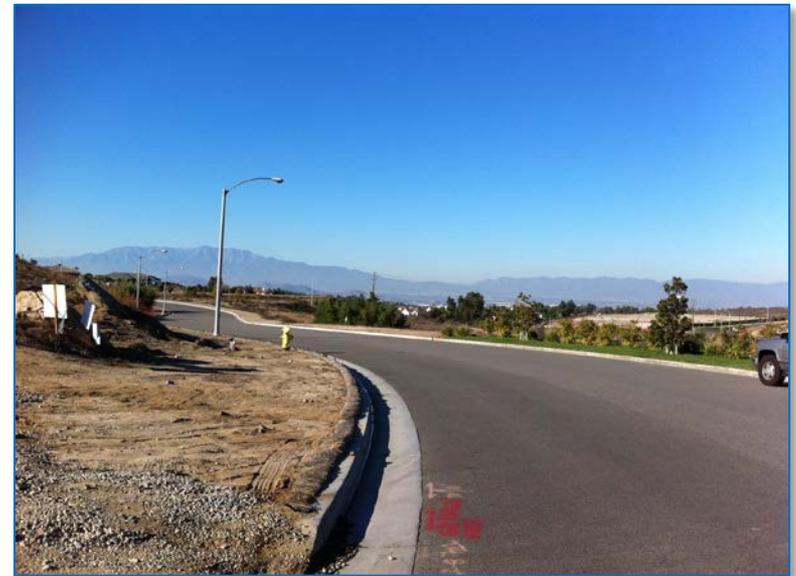
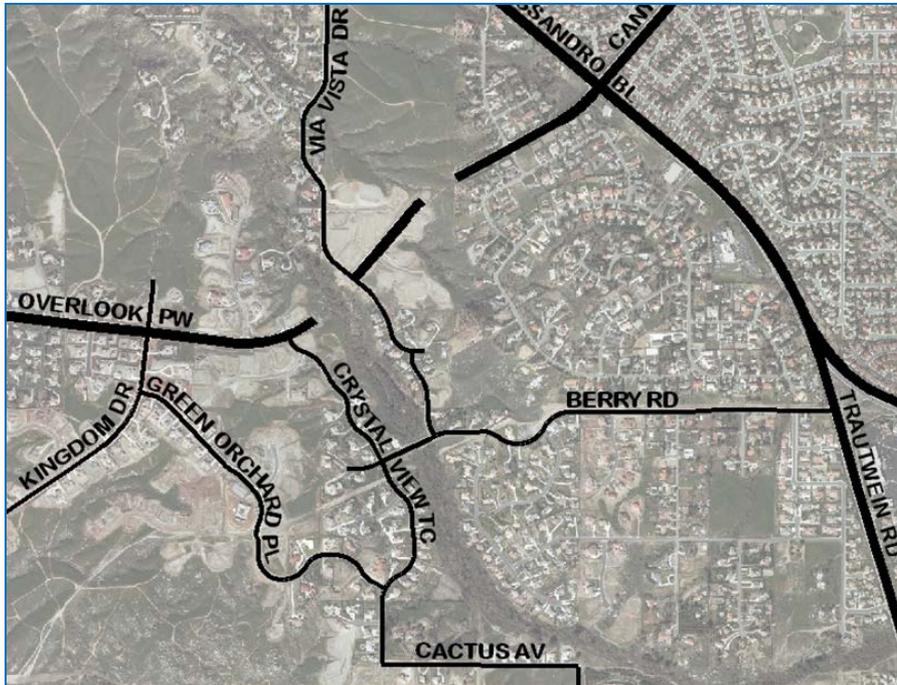
5. Scenario 1

Gates closed to through traffic



6. Scenario 2

Gates removed



8. Scenario 4



Gates removed
Overlook Parkway
connected
Western extension
(Proposed C Street)



9. All Scenarios



Scenario 1 – Gates closed



Scenario 2 – Gates removed



Scenario 3 – Gates removed, Overlook Connected



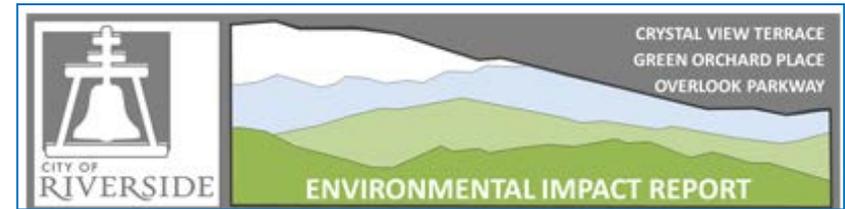
Scenario 4 – Gates removed, Overlook Connected, Proposed C Street

Draft EIR Available at:

- Libraries:
 - 1) Downtown Library, 3581 Mission Inn
 - 2) Casa Blanca Branch Library, 2985 Madison
 - 3) Orange Terrace Branch Library, 20010-A Orange Terrace
- Planning Division: 3900 Main Street
- City Website: www.riversideca.gov/planning/eir.asp

11. Draft EIR

www.riversideca.gov/planning/eir.asp




▼ **Environmental Impact Report**

The City of Riverside Planning Division is preparing an EIR that will analyze the impacts of four possible scenarios for the removal of the gates at Crystal View Terrace and Green Orchard Place and the routing of traffic through the area, including analyzing, among others, traffic circulation patterns, air quality, global warming/greenhouse gases, noise, biological resources, historical/cultural resources, agricultural resources, and paleontological resources.



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Materials for review:

Understanding CEQA

What happens after the Public Review Period?

Responses are prepared for the comments received on the draft report. Based on the comments received, revisions to the EIR may be made.

FAQ

Which scenario is recommended?

A preferred scenario has not been identified or recommended.

Draft EIR

3.0 Environmental Analysis

3.1 Agricultural Resources

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This section addresses how the proposed scenarios would or would not result in adverse physical environmental impacts on surrounding agricultural resources. Changes in land use patterns that result from new roadways or changes in circulation can affect the character of an area, as well as impose physical impacts to the environment.

3.1.1 Regulatory Setting

3.1.1.1 Federal

a. Farmland Protection Policy Act

Congress enacted the Farmland Protection Policy Act to "... minimize the extent to which federal programs contribute to the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. ..." (7 United States Code [USC] 4201(b), et seq.). Pursuant to the Farmland Protection Policy Act, the Secretary of Agriculture is directed to establish and carry out the program. The Natural Resource Conservation Service developed a rating system (Land Evaluation and Site Assessment [LESA]) of agricultural suitability of land compared to demands created by non-agricultural uses of the land. The Act spells out requirements to ensure that federal programs, to the extent practical, are compatible with state, local, and private programs and policies to protect farmland, and calls for the use of LESA to aid in the analysis. The Farmland Protection Policy Act requires federal agencies to examine the impacts of their programs before they approve any activity that would convert farmland. However, the Act has no requirement for federal agencies to alter projects to avoid or minimize farmland conversion.



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- Executive Summary
- Project Description
- Environmental Setting
- Impact Analysis
- Alternatives
- Cumulative Impacts
- Growth Inducing Impacts

S.0 Executive Summary

S.1 Project Synopsis

This summary provides a brief synopsis of: (1) Crystal View Terrace/Green Orchard Place/Overlook Parkway Project (Project), (2) the results of the environmental analysis contained within this Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), (3) the alternatives to the project that were considered, and (4) the major areas of controversy and issues to be resolved by decision-makers. This summary does not contain the extensive background and analysis found in the document. Therefore, the reader should review the entire document to fully understand the project and its environmental consequences.

S.1.1 Project Location and Setting

The proposed Project involves the local roadway system in the eastern portion of the City of Riverside (City). Specifically, Crystal View Terrace, Green Orchard Place, and Overlook Parkway are all located south of State Route 91 (SR-91) and west of Interstate 215 (I-215). The Project is within western Riverside County in southern California. The City is surrounded by Riverside County, County of San Bernardino, City of Rialto, City of Jurupa Valley, and the City of Colton to the north, the City of Moreno Valley to the east, and the City of Corona and City of Norco to the west. Other unincorporated Riverside County lands lie to the south.

S.2 Summary of Significant Effects and Mitigation Measures that Reduce or Avoid the Significant Effects

Table S-1, located at the end of this chapter, summarizes the results of the environmental analysis completed for the Project. Table S-1 identifies significant project impacts and includes mitigation measures to reduce and/or avoid potential environmental effects as feasible, with a conclusion as to whether the impact would be mitigated to below a level of significance. The mitigation measures listed in Table S-1 are also discussed within each relevant topical area and within the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) included as Section 9.0 of this EIR.



14. Environmental Issues

3.1 Agricultural Resources

3.2 Air Quality

3.3 Biological Resources

3.4 Cultural/Historic/
Paleontological Resources

3.5 Geology/Soils

3.6 Greenhouse Gases

3.7 Energy Use and
Conservation

3.8 Hydrology/Water
Quality/Drainage

3.9 Land Use/Neighborhood
Character

3.10 Noise

3.11 Traffic/Public Safety

- Conclusions for all four scenarios
 - No impact
 - Less than significant
 - Less than significant with mitigation
 - Significant and unavoidable
- Impact Statement examples

*People and structures would not be exposed to seismic hazards, and **no impact** would occur.*

*Compliance with existing regulations would reduce impacts to expansive soils, and impacts would be **less than significant**.*

16. Timeline



Public Review

- Community Meetings - Dec. 12th and 13th
- Transportation Board/Planning Commission - Jan. 9th
- Comments due - Feb. 1st



Revise Draft EIR

- Review Comments
- Respond to Comments - Feb-Mar
- Prepare Final EIR - Mar



Final EIR

- Planning Commission - Spring
- City Council Hearing - Spring

- 60 days (December 4, 2012-February 1, 2013)
- January 9, 2013 Workshop
- Deadline: **February 1, 2013**



17. Public Review

- Written comments on adequacy of the Draft EIR
 - hand-delivered or mailed to the Planning Division located at 3900 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Riverside, CA 92522
 - e-mailed to DIJENKINS@riversideca.gov
 - submitted at meetings
- Planning Commission and City Council meetings in Spring 2013

18. Public Input

- Speaker forms hand in tonight
- Comment forms, letters, or email:

City of Riverside Community Development/Planning
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Attn: Diane Jenkins, DiJenkins@riversideca.gov

- Project webpage with Draft EIR
www.riversideca.gov/planning/eir.asp

