

PROJECT NAME CLARIFICATION: FROM SOCTIIP TO FTC-S

The South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project (SOCTIIP) refers to the NEPA/Section 404 MOU project development process that was put in place under the authority of the NEPA/404 MOU which provides for federal resource agency coordination in identifying the project Statement of Purpose and Need, selecting the Alternatives for evaluation and selecting the Preferred Alternative. The federal agencies participating in this integrated process were FHWA, EPA, USFWS, and ACOE. The NEPA/404 MOU agencies, Camp Pendleton, Caltrans and the TCA are collectively referred to as the "SOCTIIP Collaborative." The SOCTIIP project development process evaluated a variety of transportation alternatives including toll road alternatives and non-toll road alternatives.

At the completion of the SOCTIIP process, the alternative preferred by the collaborative was identified and adopted by the TCA. In February 2006, the Foothill-Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) certified the Final SEIR and adopted the SOCTIIP Preferred Alternative with preliminary concurrences from FHWA, ACOE, EPA and USFWS. The Preferred Alternative is identified in the Final SEIR as the Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover-Modified (A7C-FEC-M) Alternative. The Preferred Alternative represents an alignment that completes the existing State Route 241 from its current terminus at Oso Parkway in southern Orange County to join Interstate Route 5 (I-5) in northern San Diego County. At this time, the completion of State Route 241 (the Preferred Alternative) is referred to as Foothill Transportation Corridor-South (FTC-S).