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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](http://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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