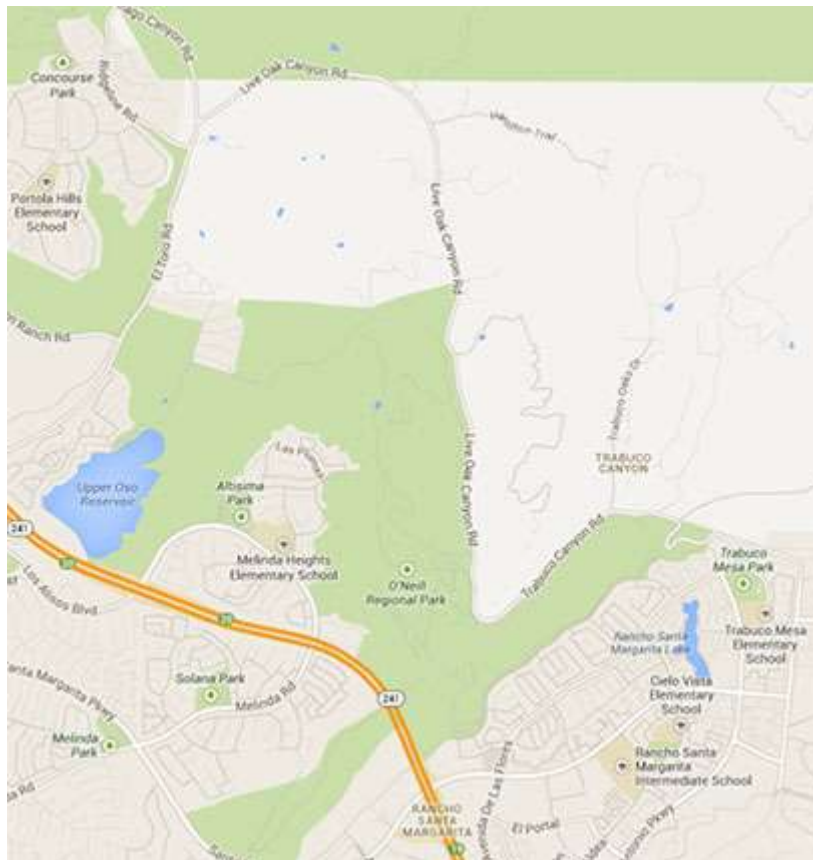


Board of Supervisors Authorizes Grants Regarding Highway Improvement and Used Oil

At the July 17, 2013, meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Board approved authorizing the Health Care Agency to accept a grant for the Used Oil Payment Program, and to allow OC Public Works to submit two applications to compete for Highway Improvement Program grants for the Live Oak Canyon Road and Trabuco Canyon Road Projects.

The HCA's Used Oil funds are derived from the California Oil Recycling Enhancement Act which provides assistance to local governments in developing and maintaining an on-going used oil and used oil filter collection/recycling program for their communities. Funding for this program is used for community events that incorporate public outreach, education, and advertisement. Funds are also used for the certification of used oil collection centers so that proper disposal opportunities for used motor oil are convenient for consumers. Currently, twenty-three cities, including the Third District cities of Irvine, Tustin, Villa Park, and Yorba Linda, have chosen to participate in the current Used Oil Recycling Program.



Funding for the Highway Improvement Program is requested to help cover the project costs needed for the construction of safety measures for 1) Live Oak Canyon Road from Santiago Canyon Road/El Toro Road to O'Neil Regional Park Entrance, and 2) Trabuco Canyon Road from O'Neil Regional Park Entrance to Plano Trabuco Road. Proposed safety improvements for Live Oak Canyon Road include construction of asphalt concrete curbs to accommodate a two-foot shoulder, "V" ditches, shoulder grading, removal and replacement of signs, and installation of guardrails. In addition, a street light is proposed at the crest of the hill to accent visibility just east of Lambrose Canyon Road. For Trabuco Canyon Road, proposed safety improvements include widening shoulders, installing guardrails, installing rumble strips, drainage improvements, and upgrading roadside warning signs.

A minimum local match of ten percent for the total project cost is required. OC Public Works is proposing to submit two applications with a total preliminary construction cost estimate of \$3,800,000. Subtracting the maximum grant amount of \$3,000,000 allowed per agency, the proposed local match will be \$800,000. These future projects will be budgeted by the Department in the appropriate fiscal year.



Save Santiago Canyon

As if Saddle Crest's assaults on the rural canyons weren't enough, now Supervisor Todd Spitzer is backing an effort to "improve" Live Oak and Trabuco Canyon Roads by widening the roads and installing curbs, guard rails, V-ditches, and a street light. It will come in handy that they can replace those darn oaks in the way with acorns, won't it? Read all about it.

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