



Q&A INTERSTATE 215 CENTRAL PROJECT

A Project of the Riverside County Transportation Commission



Crews Focus on Bridges, Walls during First Six Months of Construction



Crews place forms and prepare to pour concrete at the D Street bridge in Perris.

The widening of Interstate 215 between Menifee and Perris is off to a strong start with work under way on bridges, sound walls, retaining walls and drainage systems. The Riverside County Transportation Commission—supported by partners Caltrans and the cities of Menifee and Perris—began work in February.

Expected to be completed by mid-2015, the I-215 Central Project will add one northbound lane and one southbound lane between Scott Road in Menifee and Nuevo Road in Perris, a 12.5-mile section. Current work includes:

- Rebuilding the D Street bridge, which will require full closure of the northbound D Street on-ramp for approximately 10 months, starting this fall
- Rebuilding the Perris Boulevard bridge
- Widening bridges at Salt Creek, San Jacinto River, Romoland Channel and the Ethanac railroad crossing
- Building sound walls along Bradley Road in Menifee (completed in August) and D Street and Johns Road in Perris
- Constructing retaining walls and drainage systems along the freeway corridor
- Paving within the freeway median

The project is expected to add an estimated 1,836 jobs, reduce traffic delays and improve air quality.

Safety is Top Priority for I-215 Project

Motorists are driving too fast within the construction zone, despite speed limit reductions to 55 miles per hour on the freeway and 25 MPH on Perris Boulevard.

“The safety of our construction crews, the traveling public and pedestrians is of the highest importance for this project. We want everyone to arrive home safely to their families at the end of each day,” said Supervisor Marion Ashley, who also serves as Vice Chair of the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

Pedestrians on Perris Boulevard also are urged to avoid crossing through construction areas and to remain on sidewalks, especially with school back in session.

Drivers are reminded to:

- Follow the speed limits and be on the lookout for workers and equipment
- Watch for flagmen directing traffic on local streets
- Allow extra time to get to work and school
- Be extra careful when driving at night or in the rain
- Avoid use of mobile phones or other distractions
- Watch for closures and follow detours
- Check with RTA regarding changes in bus routes
- Obey the “Move Over” law and move away from freeway construction work

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