

Interstate 215 Widening Project



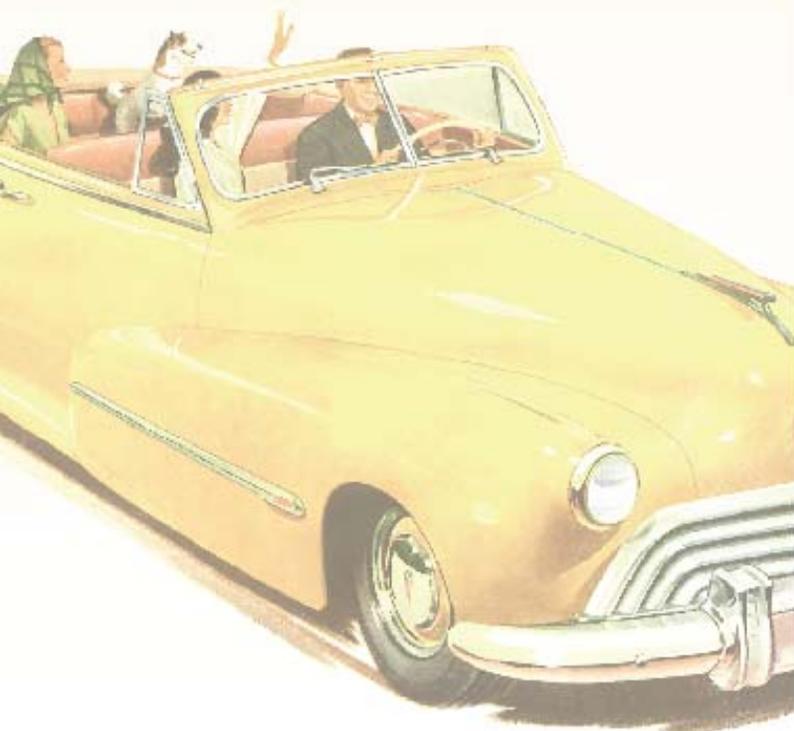
San Bernardino Valley
Traffic Congestion Relief



A New Spin On Your Drive Through San Bernardino

Work is well underway to widen Interstate 215 – a major corridor that connects residents, motorists and visitors to California’s southland. The project adds a carpool lane in both directions between I-10 and SR-210, connector ramps from I-215 and SR-210, and auxiliary lanes along the corridor.

SANBAG, Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino have teamed up to make these freeway improvements a reality. This major expansion and revitalization project, which broke ground in February 2007, will help reduce congestion and improve traffic flow on this important freeway that serves as a gateway to Victor Valley, Orange County, Los Angeles County and points beyond.



Learn More...

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Project Benefits

Once completed, this project will:

- * Increase traffic flow and speed
- * Eliminate fast-lane entrances and exits
- * Widen freeway bridges
- * Aid traffic merging by adding auxiliary lanes
- * Improve air quality
- * Reduce noise with sound walls
- * Enhance access to both the east and west sides of the city

Project Funding

The I-215 Widening Project is funded by a combination of federal, state and local funds. In 2009, \$128 million was secured from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and \$81 million in Proposition 1B funding. The local funds are made possible by Measure I – the voter-approved half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in San Bernardino County.



Help is on the Way

Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) is available to assist motorists during weekday peak morning and afternoon commute hours along sections of the I-215. FSP helps keep traffic moving by providing assistance to motorists at no charge. If you find yourself stuck on the freeway, the Freeway Service Patrol will assist you by:

- providing a gallon of gas if your car runs out
- jump-starting a dead battery
- refilling your radiator
- taping leaking hoses
- changing a flat tire
- towing to the nearest CHP-approved drop location



For more information about the FSP, please send email to fsp@sanbag.ca.gov

I-215 Fast Facts

Freeway Opening Date

1959

Current Number of Lanes

3

Each Direction

2003 Avg. Daily Traffic

83,000

I-215 Project Length

7.5 miles

Estimated Completion Date

2013

Future Number of Lanes

5

Each Direction

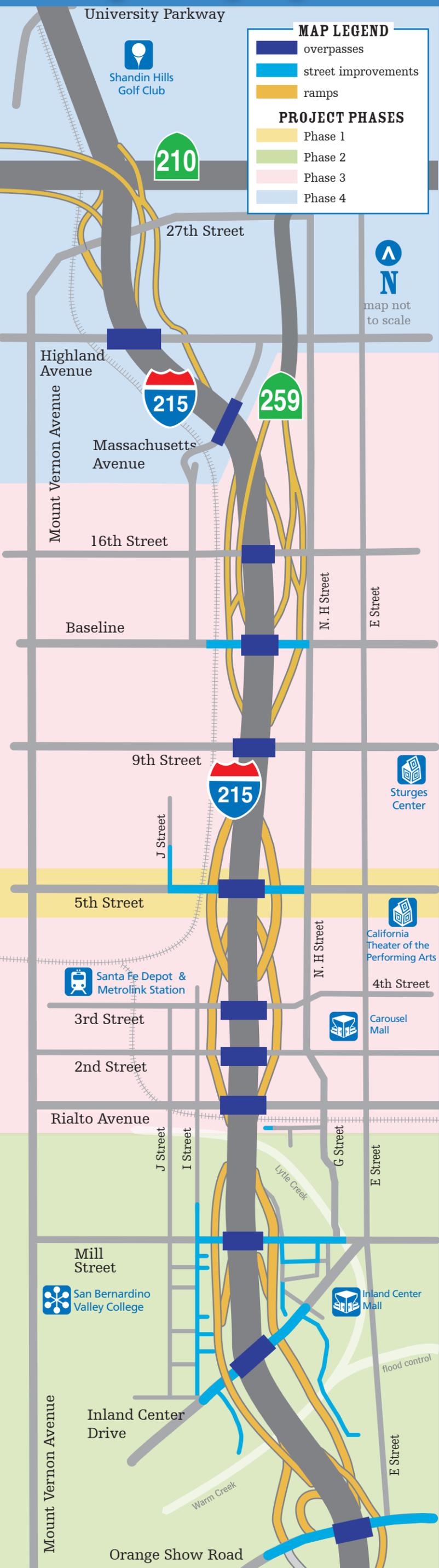
2030 Avg. Daily Traffic

135,000

Estimated Project Cost

\$800m

I-215 Map and Project Highlights



Project Schedule...

The first stage of the I-215 Improvement project was the 5th Street bridge reconstruction, which has been completed. Freeway widening began near I-10 and continues north through the corridor to University Parkway. See estimated dates for each Phase:

* Phase 1: 5th Street Bridge (SANBAG)

February 2007 – November 2008
Led by SANBAG, work began in February 2007 to reconstruct the 5th Street bridge and was completed in November 2008. The project cost \$23 million and was completed six months ahead of schedule – at a savings of \$2 million under original estimates.

Project Features:

- A new bridge approximately twice as wide as the original
- Two through lanes in each direction
- Two turn lanes in each direction at ramp intersection
- A wider sidewalk
- New lights, road signs, and landscaping
- New drainage system
- Street improvements at 5th, J, and H Streets

* Phase 2: Orange Show Road to Rialto Avenue Freeway Widening (Caltrans)

December 2007 – Spring 2010
Caltrans serves as the lead agency for Phase 2, which has a total cost of approximately \$180 million.

Project Features:

- Two new freeway lanes, one carpool and one mixed flow
- Two new on- and off-ramps directly on Mill Street
- New Inland Center Drive Bridge
- Widen the Orange Center Drive off-ramp
- New center median
- Wider bridges over Warm Creek and Lytle Creek
- New on- and off-ramps at Orange Show Road
- Widen Mill Street

* Phase 3: Rialto Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue (SANBAG)

Fall 2009 – Fall 2013
Phase 3 work will begin in Fall 2009 and take approximately four years to complete. The 9th and 16th Street bridges will be completely closed during portions of the construction schedule. SANBAG is taking the lead on this phase, which will cost approximately \$424 million.

Project Features:

- Two new freeway lanes in each direction, one carpool and mixed flow
- Reconstruction of the Baseline, 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 16th Street bridges
- New on- and off-ramps directly on 5th Street and Baseline
- Reconfigure on- and off-ramps, eliminating fast lane entrances and exits
- Addition of soundwalls
- Aesthetic improvements, wallscape
- Improve local streets and drainage systems

* Phase 4: Massachusetts Avenue to University Parkway (Caltrans)

Fall 2009 – Summer 2013
Led by Caltrans, Phase 4 will take approximately three-and-a-half to four years to complete. The total cost for this phase is approximately \$159 million.

Project Features:

- Freeway to freeway ramps connecting I-215 and SR-210
- Bridge reconstructions at Massachusetts Avenue, Highland Avenue and 27th Street
- Addition of southbound auxiliary lane from University Parkway to the I-215/SR-210 interchange and new northbound general-use lane
- Addition of soundwalls
- Aesthetic improvements, wallscape
- Improve local streets and drainage systems

Phase Photos

Phase 1: 5th Street Bridge



Phase 2: New I-215 Northbound On-Ramp at Orange Show Road



Phase 2, 3 & 4: Aesthetic Improvements

