

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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5th Street Bridge Construction Begins

The first phase of the I-215 widening project has begun, with the reconstruction of the 5th Street Bridge well underway.

Crews are building the abutments (bridge ends) of the northern half of the structure and are hauling load after load of fill dirt. A temporary road will be built later to divert traffic during the bridge construction. In about a month, construction workers will begin to pile-drive steel beams into the ground to support the new structure.

The new bridge will have two travel lanes and two left-turn lanes in both directions, as well as a sidewalk on the north side. On-ramps and off-ramps will connect directly to the freeway, once it is widened.

For now, 5th Street remains open to drivers, although some temporary lane closures and detours are necessary. To be placed on the email list for traffic advisories, please call the toll-free project helpline listed below.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS.**



SANBAG Receives Funding for I-215 Expansion in Downtown San Bernardino

The California Transportation Commission approved \$175 million from Proposition 1B for San Bernardino County freeway projects last month — including \$108 million for the widening of Interstate 215 through San Bernardino.

These funds from last November's voter-approved bond may allow work on I-215 to be completed earlier than expected. The funding boost may allow two sections of work to be combined into one, which may trim a year from the seven-year construction effort.

San Bernardino Associated Governments was disappointed, however, that funding was not approved for the first phase of widening Interstate 10 east of Ontario. SANBAG is examining other revenue sources from Proposition 1B to widen I-10 and is part of a statewide committee that is setting criteria for the Trade Corridors Investment Fund, the next category of projects to be awarded from Proposition 1B.



Funding received from Proposition 1B may escalate work to widen Interstate 215 in downtown San Bernardino.

Program Aids Stranded Freeway Drivers

Help is on the way for stranded motorists on Interstate 215, thanks to the expansion this month of San Bernardino County's Freeway Service Patrol.



5:30-8:30 am and 1-7 pm.

The Freeway Service Patrol – a team of roving tow trucks that offer help during peak travel hours at no charge to the motorist – now covers Interstate 215 between the county line in Grand Terrace and University Parkway in San Bernardino. The service boosts motorist safety, prevents secondary accidents and keeps traffic flowing. Service hours are Monday through Thursday, 5:30-8:30 am and 3-7 pm. Service operates on Friday,

The Freeway Service Patrol lends a hand by:

- Providing a gallon of gas if you run empty
- Refilling your radiator
- Jump-starting a dead battery
- Taping leaking hoses
- Changing a flat tire
- Helping during accidents
- Towing to the nearest CHP-approved off-ramp

The I-215 widening project is a partnership between San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.