

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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I-215 Project Funding Approved!

In April, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) signed off on a \$234 million financing plan to continue construction on the I-215 Widening Project through the City of San Bernardino.

If the financing plan had not been approved, the timing for the completion of the remaining improvements would have been unknown. The approval of the plan ensures that San Bernardino will have the freeway improvements completed as soon as possible.

The approved financing plan included \$181 million in voter-approved transportation bonds and \$49 million in federal economic stimulus cash among other funds.

The new funding will allow for the following construction:

- reconstruction of numerous bridges throughout the remaining corridor
- addition of one general-use lane and one carpool lane in each direction of the freeway between Rialto Avenue and SR-210
- construction of freeway to freeway flyover ramps connecting I-215 to SR-210
- elimination of fast lane on- and off-ramps

Construction on next phase of construction is expected to start in late summer 2009.

Project Questions?

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



Phase 2 Construction Continues with Work on Inland Center Drive Bridge

During the month of April, the I-215 on- and off-ramps at Mill Street were opened and the I-215 on- and off-ramps at Inland Center Drive were closed. These ramps will remain closed until they re-open at the end of 2009.

Closing the freeway ramps at Inland Center Drive will allow contractors to concentrate on widening the Inland Center Drive bridge. Work also will continue on Mill Street as contractors pave and stripe the inside lanes, during which time traffic will be diverted to outside lanes.

Monthly meetings between Caltrans, local merchants and emergency personnel continue to provide construction updates and to address any concerns. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Caltrans Annex building at 655 West Second Street in San Bernardino at 9 a.m.

For planned lane and ramp closures within Phase 2, please visit the Caltrans Web site at www.caltrans8.info. For the safety of you and the workers, please SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.

Local Businesses Open During Construction

Although construction work is spanning the southern half of I-215 through San Bernardino, businesses remain open during construction. Please be sure to consider the following businesses among others while searching for services in the City of San Bernardino:

ARCO Gas Station— 520 West Orange Show Road (909) 885-1175
At ARCO, you always know what to expect: good gas at a good price. You need to get from Point A to Point B, and we have the gasoline that will help you do just that.
Open 24 hours. www.arco.com

Kelly Paper—790 Inland Center Drive (909) 888-8660
Having been in business for more than 70 years, Kelly Paper is more than just a paper store. Providing unrivaled service and value, Kelly Paper carries fine papers, digital media, wide format, graphics, packaging and print equipment.
Open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.kellypaper.com



Crews continue work on Inland Center Dr. bridge.



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

