

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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Studies Underway for I-215 Bi-County Project

As the I-215 Widening Project continues through San Bernardino, early engineering and environmental studies are underway for the I-215 Bi-County High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Gap Closure Project between San Bernardino and Riverside.

SANBAG and the Riverside County Transportation Commission have funded technical studies for the project that proposes to add a carpool lane in both directions to a 7.5-mile stretch of I-215 between Orange Show Road in San Bernardino and the 60/91/215 interchange in Riverside.

The project is on an accelerated schedule to close the gap between carpool lanes that are planned north of Orange Show Road and south of the Riverside interchange. Environmental approval is expected by spring 2011, followed by an approximate 18-month period of design and right of way acquisition. Construction may start by late 2012 and take about two years to complete.

SANBAG also is conducting technical studies for two separate interchange improvement projects - Barton Road in Grand Terrace and Mt. Vernon Avenue/Washington Street in Colton. Reconstruction of these interchanges will follow the carpool lane project.

Project Questions?

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



Construction Work Continues to Focus near Inland Center Mall and Mill Street

Caltrans and MCM Construction crews are hard at work between Orange Show Road and Mill Street.

Construction activities include the connectors at Inland Center Drive and Orange Show Road, on- and off-ramps in the project area, and work at the Mill Street underpass.

As a reminder, the Inland Center Drive bridge continues to remain open to through traffic during construction and we encourage people to support businesses throughout the area.

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.

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



Top: View from Inland Center Drive overpass to southbound I-215.

Bottom: View from new connector bridge northbound to Inland Center Drive bridge.



SANBAG, Caltrans Go Back to School

It's that time again. With the new school year upon us, SANBAG and Caltrans are teaming up with the San Bernardino City Unified School District to promote safety near construction zones and inform parents of planned construction activities during school open houses.

For the third year in a row, representatives will staff informational booths to discuss the project and distribute kid's safety brochures, "The Write Thing" pencils and erasers, and project brochures in English and Spanish.

Be on the lookout this summer as SANBAG and Caltrans may be coming to your school. To date, we have visited Bradley, Lytle Creek, Monterey, Muscoy, Ramona Alessandro, Riley and Vermont elementary schools.

To schedule a school meeting, open house or presentation, please call the I-215 construction helpline at 1-877-215-NEWS.



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.

