

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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Groundbreaking Kicks Off Final Phases for I-215



The I-215 Widening Project is one of the largest freeway construction projects in the state to receive ARRA funds.

The final two phases of the I-215 Widening Project are about to get underway. Elected officials and members of the community will join SANBAG and Caltrans in a ceremonial groundbreaking for Phases 3 & 4 on Monday, September 14 in Downtown San Bernardino. The event will take place on the top floor of the Fairview Ford parking structure, which overlooks the I-215 project area.

The I-215 Widening Project is one of the three largest freeway construction projects in California to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as stimulus funds. The project will create thousands of jobs and is expected to be completed in 2013.

To find out more about Phases 3 & 4, be sure to check out the I-215 Widening Project booth at the Route 66 Rendezvous event on Saturday, September 19 or at the Sheriff's Rodeo on September 25 and 26. Knowledgeable personnel will be available to answer questions about the freeway improvement project that spans through the City of San Bernardino.

Project Questions?

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



Northbound Orange Show Road On-Ramp Opens

In August, Caltrans and the contractor continued construction work between Orange Show Road and Inland Center Drive, allowing for the new northbound Orange Show Road on-ramp to be opened to motorists.

Two full-freeway closures are scheduled at the end of August and the beginning of September to remove a temporary bridge structure at Inland Center Drive. Detour signs will be posted. The closure dates and time are:

- Southbound I-215: Monday, Aug. 31 from 10 pm to 5 am
- Northbound I-215: Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 10 pm to 5 am

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 planned lane and ramp closures within Phase 2, please visit the Caltrans Web site at www.caltrans8.info.

5th Street Bridge Named in Honor of Former Caltrans Employee

On Friday, August 28, the 5th Street bridge was renamed in honor of John Knabenbauer, a Caltrans employee who was struck and killed in November 2007 while conducting work near the bridge.

His wife Jeanette and daughter Alyssa joined Assemblymember Wilmer Amina Carter, Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod, San Bernardino Supervisor Josie Gonzales and other friends and family to unveil a memorial sign that will be installed near the bridge.



John's wife and daughter gather with elected officials to unveil his memorial sign following the ceremony.

Knabenbauer, a 17-year veteran of Caltrans, was commended for his work in the Old Fire in 2003 by former President George W. Bush. He was the 12th District 8 employee to lose their life in the line of duty. For the safety of you and the workers, please **SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.**