

# Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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## Widening Begins on Mill Street Bridge

During the month of September, Caltrans and MCM construction continued working on Interstate 215 between Inland Center Drive and Rialto Avenue.

Pile driving, paving and striping on the northbound and southbound shoulders will continue to be worked on throughout the coming months. As a result, traffic has been shifted closer to the median for the safety of both drivers and construction crews. While driving through the corridor, please be aware of the new lane alignments made during construction.

In addition to lane work, crews began widening the Mill Street bridge in late September. During the work, crews closed Mill Street for two nights. As construction continues, motorists will be made aware of any necessary lane restrictions or closures.

Caltrans continues to hold monthly meetings with the local merchants and emergency workers with positive feedback. The meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at the Caltrans office located at 655 West Second Street in San Bernardino at 9:00 a.m.

For planned lane and ramp closures within Phase 2, visit the Caltrans website at [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info). For the safety of you and the workers, please SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE and remember fines are doubled in a construction zone.

## Project Questions?

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



## Crews Connect 5th Street Bridge, Reopen 4th Street On Ramp

Significant changes to the 5th Street bridge were made during the month of September. After being closed for nearly six months, the northbound 4th Street on ramp was reopened on September 17—one month earlier than expected!

Later in the month, crews connected the north and south sides of the bridge during a concrete pour, creating one solid overpass.

During the month of October, crews will begin grinding rough spots left during the concrete pour to create a smooth surface for drivers. In addition, a seal will be placed between the bridge and the roadway to prevent from deterioration from use. The 5th Street bridge is scheduled to be closed for concrete barrier and pavement work Thursday, October 2 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. and Saturday, October 4 from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Street improvements at 5th, H and J Streets also will continue in October with freeway and street closures issued as necessary.

## Caltrans Names Dr. Raymond Wolfe as New District 8 Director

Dr. Raymond Wolfe has been appointed as Caltrans' new District 8 Director, serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Dr. Wolfe began working with Caltrans in 1991 as a transportation engineer. With more than 17 years of experience in transportation, Wolfe brings knowledge in structural design, familiarity with departmental procedures and an ability to work with local agency partners to the district director position.

An active member with the Transportation Research Board and National Cooperative Highway Research Program, Dr. Wolfe is a registered civil engineer. He received his Doctorate in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California among other academic achievements.

Dr. Wolfe replaces Mike Perovich who led Caltrans District 8 for nearly three years.



Crews placed directional signs above the 5th Street bridge in late September.



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.

