

CLOSING THE GAP



FACT SHEET

INTERSTATE 215 *Bi-County* High Occupancy Vehicle (Carpool Lane) Gap Closure Project

Motorists traveling through the Inland Empire will find it a much easier drive in approximately three years. Planned improvements to a 7.5 mile stretch of Interstate 215 north of Orange Show Road in San Bernardino to just south of the 60/91 interchange will begin later this month.

Caltrans has partnered with San Bernardino Associated Governments, Riverside County Transportation Commission and the Federal Highway Administration, as well as local agencies to add a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane on this stretch of the freeway.

PROJECT FEATURES

I-215 currently has three lanes in each direction on this section of freeway. The carpool (HOV) lane addition will occur by rebuilding the outside and inside freeway shoulders and restriping the lanes to allow for three general purpose lanes and the new carpool lane in each direction.

The BSNF railroad bridge will be demolished and three separate railroad trusses will be built; Newport Bridge will be demolished and rebuilt and Interstate 10 and the Santa Ana River Bridge will be widened.

Improvements to freeway interchanges at Barton Road in Grand Terrace and Washington Street/Mt. Vernon Avenue in Colton are coming within the next four years.

COSTS AND FUNDING

The full project cost through construction is estimated at \$170 million with approximately \$75 million in structures. Current project funding is provided in part by Measure I (the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in San Bernardino County), Measure A (the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in Riverside County), as well as State and Federal funding.

ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

Begin Construction	February 2013
End Construction	August 2015

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