



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **RCTC Receives Funding for New I-215 Interchange in Perris**

The California Transportation Commission awarded \$7.09 million yesterday to the Riverside County Transportation Commission toward construction of the new Placentia Avenue Interchange with Interstate 215 in Perris.

Funding was provided by gas tax revenues generated by the Road Repair and Accountability Act adopted in 2017. The Placentia Avenue project was one of 33 projects approved statewide to receive \$72 million in funding.

The interchange will provide a new entrance to and exit from I-215 and is designed to improve mobility, enhance highway operations, reduce traffic congestion, and improve air quality. The project will add new ramps east and west of I-215 at Placentia Avenue, modify E. Frontage Road, widen the existing Placentia Avenue overcrossing, and widen Placentia Avenue between Harvill Avenue and Indian Avenue.

The project is the first construction package of the Mid County Parkway, a new 16-mile east-west transportation corridor between Perris and San Jacinto. Construction of the \$65 million interchange is expected to start in early 2020.

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“The Placentia Avenue Interchange and the full Mid County Parkway will help Perris residents and our neighboring cities with better access and improved safety,” said Perris Mayor Michael Vargas. “We look forward to the start of construction of this interchange.”

For more information about the Mid County Parkway Project, please visit [rctc.org/projects](http://rctc.org/projects).

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