

Interstate 15 CORRIDOR OPERATIONS PROJECT

OVERVIEW:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in partnership with Caltrans, is conducting engineering and environmental studies to support an environmental document and final design documents for the proposed Interstate 15 Corridor Operations Project. RCTC is the project sponsor and Caltrans is the lead agency for the project studies.

RCTC proposes to add a non-tolled lane to southbound I-15 from the Cajalco Road on-ramp in Corona to the Weirick Road off-ramp in Temescal Valley, a distance slightly less than one mile. The project is designed to relieve heavy traffic congestion in this area, especially during peak afternoon commute times, by removing a bottleneck to accommodate existing and future traffic volumes. The improvement will also be compatible with other planned I-15 corridor improvements.

The project would widen the existing I-15 median and restripe pavement to accommodate a new outside lane. Other features include widening Bedford Wash Bridge, modifying the southbound I-15 Cajalco Road on-ramp and Weirick Road off-ramp, constructing retaining walls, and modifying drainage. No private properties are expected to be affected, since all work would occur in the Caltrans right of way.

The environmental phase is expected to be completed by 2022. Pending project approval, construction could start in 2023 and the new lane may open by late 2024.

For more information, visit rctc.org/15cop or email **15cop@rctc.org**

LOCATION:

Southbound Interstate 15 between Cajalco Road in Corona and Weirick Road in Temescal Valley

ENGINEERING/ ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES:

Anticipated from 2020 to 2022

CONSTRUCTION:

Anticipated from 2023 to late 2024

INVESTMENT:

Estimated \$38 million (environmental/preconstruction, design, construction)



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