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SMART FREEWAY PILOT PROJECT Temecula/Murrieta



Week of July 20, 2025



As crews close out the northbound I-15 Rancho California Road direct on-ramp full closure, the I-15 Smart Freeway Pilot Project will require lane reductions of northbound I-15 as well as on-ramp closures of Rancho California Road. The closures are scheduled to begin on Saturday, July 19.

Please see closure details below. Construction activity and closures are subject to change due to inclement weather and other factors.

Highway Closures and Ramp Closures

Date/Time	Activity and Location	Detour
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* Sunday, July 13 – Monday, July 21 9 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Northbound I-15 Rancho California Road Direct On-ramp Full Closure	West on Rancho California Road to northbound Jefferson Avenue, east on Winchester Road to enter northbound I-15
* Sunday, July 20 9 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Northbound I-15 Rancho California Road loop on-ramp closure	East on Rancho California Road to northbound Ynez Road, west on Winchester Road to enter northbound I-15
* Tuesday, July 22 – Thursday, July 24 Nightly, 8 p.m. – 5 a.m. Friday, July 25 9 p.m. – 6 a.m.	Northbound I-15 Rancho California Road Direct On-ramp closure	West on Rancho California Road to northbound Jefferson Avenue, east on Winchester Road to enter northbound I-15
Saturday, July 19 11:59 p.m. – 6 a.m. – Sunday, July 20 11:59 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Northbound I-15 lane reductions from Temecula Parkway to Winchester Road	No detour required, since other lanes will remain open
Monday, July 21, Tuesday, July 22 Nightly, 10 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Northbound I-15 lane reductions from CHP to Winchester Road	No detour required, since other lanes will remain open
Tuesday, July 22, Wednesday, July 23 Nightly, 10 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Northbound I-15 lane reductions from Rancho California Road to Murietta Hot Springs	No detour required, since other lanes will remain open
Wednesday, July 23, Thursday, July 24 Nightly, 9 p.m. – 6 a.m.	Northbound I-15 lane reductions from I-15/I- 215 Split to Los Alamos Road	No detour required, since other lanes will remain open

** Ramps will not be closed consecutively, as their closures are contingent on work progress. Detours will be clearly marked. Visit our detour map for more information.*

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Neighboring Projects

I-15 Temecula Auxiliary Lanes Project: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is constructing auxiliary lanes, and implementing other transportation system upgrades between Temecula Parkway to just north of Winchester Road on I-15. For more information, please visit the [Caltrans District 8 Webpage](#).

Project Background

RCTC, in partnership with Caltrans, the City of Temecula, and the Western Riverside Council of Governments, will be implementing an innovative technology along the northbound Interstate 15 (I-15) in Temecula and Murrieta that is anticipated to improve traffic operations.

The I-15 Smart Freeway Pilot Project will use “smart” technology to continuously monitor real-time traffic conditions along northbound I-15 in Temecula. This section of northbound I-15 encounters high traffic congestion from cars entering the Temecula Parkway, Rancho California Road, and Winchester Road on-ramps during peak afternoon and evening hours. The coordinated system will improve traffic flow by adjusting the optimal number of vehicles to enter and efficiently travel on the I-15.



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