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SMART FREEWAY PILOT PROJECT Temecula/Murrieta



REVISED: Week of August 3, 2026

UPDATE: The I-15 Smart Freeway Pilot Project will require additional nighttime northbound I-15 on-ramp closures and lane reductions for crews to safely conduct emergency repairs.

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

Highway & Ramp Closures

** Updated closures*

Date/Time	Activity and Location	Detour
Monday, August 3 – * Thursday, August 6 Nightly, 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.	Full closure of the Winchester Road direct on-ramp to northbound I-15	Winchester Road to southbound Ynez Road, westbound Rancho California Road, to enter northbound I-15
* Friday, August 7 11 p.m. – 6 a.m.	Full closure of the Rancho California Road direct and loop on-ramp to northbound I-15	West on Rancho California Road to northbound Jefferson Avenue, east on Winchester Road to enter northbound I-15
* Friday, August 7 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.	Northbound I-15 lane reductions from Santiago Road to Rancho California Road.	No detour required, since other lanes will remain open

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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