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SMART FREEWAY PILOT PROJECT Temecula/Murrieta



Week of August 03, 2026

The I-15 Smart Freeway Pilot Project will require nighttime closures of the northbound I-15 direct on-ramp at Winchester Road for crews to safely perform advance-warning sign work.

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

Ramp Closures

Date/Time	Activity and Location	Detour
Monday, August 3 – Wednesday, August 5 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

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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