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RCTC Awards Construction Contract to Add Temporary Lane to Southbound I-15 in Corona, Temescal Valley

Work will start this spring to add a temporary lane to help relieve traffic congestion on southbound Interstate 15 in Corona and Temescal Valley, following the Riverside County Transportation Commission's award today of a \$3.4 million construction contract.

The Commission awarded the contract to All American Asphalt, located in Corona, paving the way for construction of the [I-15 Interim Corridor Operations Project](#). The project will add a non-tolled lane to southbound I-15 from the Cajalco Road on-ramp to the Weirick Road off-ramp next to the outer shoulder. See map below. Crews will strengthen the shoulder pavement to handle additional traffic loads and restripe the highway to accommodate the new lane.



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Work is anticipated to begin in May, with the new lane planned to open this summer or early fall. The construction contract includes financial incentives if the lane opens ahead of schedule.

Once completed, southbound I-15 between the Cajalco Road and Weirick Road ramps will include four lanes. Other enhancements include:

- Additional space for emergency vehicles along the inner shoulder
- Upgrades to existing guardrails and installation of new guardrails
- Improved drainage systems
- New overhead signs

The project was developed to help relieve increased traffic congestion along southbound I-15 near Cajalco Road, where the 15 Express Lanes end. Last spring, RCTC, Caltrans, the City of Corona, and the County of Riverside officials began meeting to develop traffic improvements for this area, combined with input from the California Highway Patrol. The group recommended the I-15 interim project to provide near-term congestion relief with a temporary lane.

The temporary lane will be in place for about three years. RCTC and project partners are concurrently working on environmental studies for the [I-15 Corridor Operations Project](#), which proposes adding a permanent lane to this same section of southbound I-15. If approved, the second project would widen the median and restripe the highway to slightly wider lane widths and shoulders, modify the Cajalco Road on-ramp and Weirick Road off-ramp, widen the Bedford Wash Bridge, build retaining walls, and improve drainage.

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