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### **New Interstate 215 Interchange Opens in Perris Today**

Motorists in the Perris and the San Jacinto valleys now have another option to enter and exit Interstate 215 with the opening of a new interchange with Placentia Avenue today.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission opened [the I-215 Placentia Avenue Interchange](#) on-ramps and off-ramps at 3:30 p.m., providing an alternative to the Ramona Expressway ramps to the north and the Nuevo Road ramps to the south. Construction of the \$42 million investment began in August 2020.

“We are excited to deliver this important piece of infrastructure for our residents of Perris and neighboring communities,” said RCTC Chair and Riverside County 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. “This new interchange expands access to work and school and helps with traffic flow in this rapidly growing area,” he said.

The project, which provided close to 400 jobs during construction, added ramps and widened the Placentia Avenue bridge over I-215 with new lanes between Harvill Avenue and Indian Road. Further, the project added sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and a barrier-separated equestrian path along Placentia Avenue. Crews also built detention basins to reduce local street flooding. Photos and b-roll are available [here](#) for download.

The interchange is the first construction project of the Mid County Parkway, a planned 16-mile corridor between Perris and San Jacinto. RCTC began final design last month of the second Mid County Parkway segment, extending 8.6 miles along Ramona Expressway from Warren Road to about one mile east of Rider Street in the County of Riverside.

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The [Mid County Parkway Ramona Expressway](#) project will address high priority safety needs for this segment of roadway with a history of vehicle collisions. The project also will reduce travel times and promote transportation equity for the Perris and San Jacinto valleys with better connections to I-215, Route 79, Metrolink service, and Riverside Transit Agency service.

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