



RIVERSIDE
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COMMISSION

SMART FREEWAY
PILOT PROJECT
Temecula/Murrieta



Week of July 13, 2025

Upcoming Full Closure of the Rancho California Direct On-Ramp for Northbound I-15

The Riverside County Transportation Commission's I-15 Smart Freeway Pilot Project will require an extended **full closure** of the Rancho California Road direct on-ramp for northbound I-15 in Temecula **beginning this Sunday, July 13, at 9 p.m. through Monday, July 21 at 5 a.m.**

This work will also reconfigure and realign the on-ramp to create a merge point between the loop and the direct on-ramps for Rancho California Road.

For detours and more information, visit our closure page below:

Closure
Details



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 during the week of July 13.

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

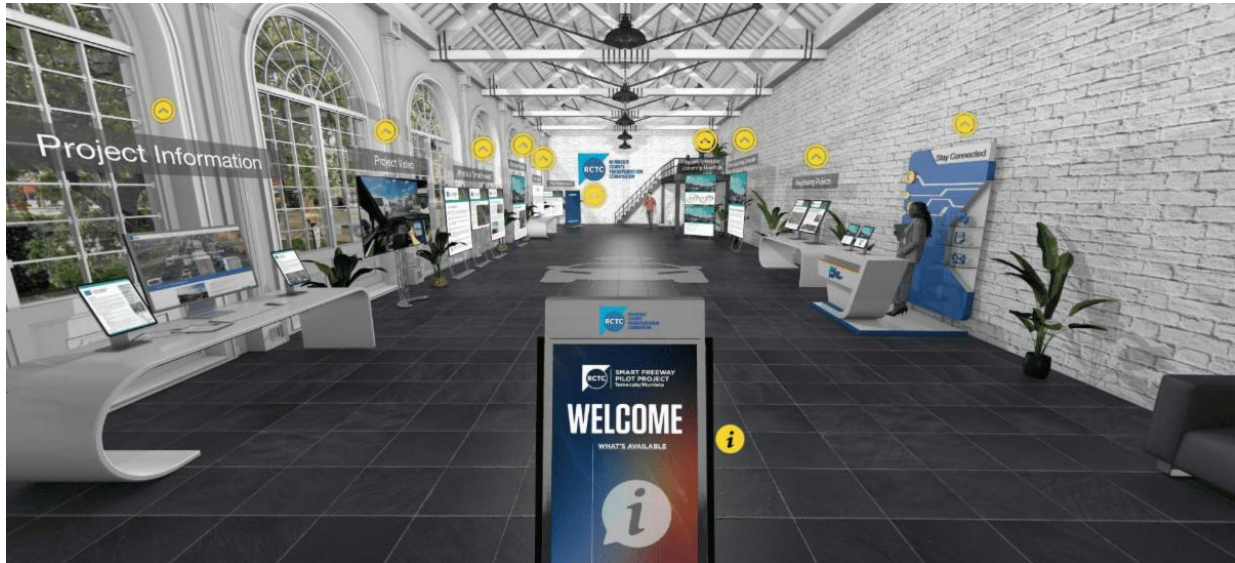
Highway Closures and Ramp Closures

Date/Time	Activity and Location	Detour
Sunday, July 13 – Monday, July 21 9 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Northbound I-15 Rancho California Road Direct On-ramp Full Closure	<u>West on Rancho California Road to northbound Jefferson Avenue, east on Winchester Road to enter northbound I-15</u>
Sunday, July 13 11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Northbound I-15 Rancho California Road loop on-ramp closure	<u>East on Rancho California Road to northbound Ynez Road, west on Winchester Road to enter northbound I-15</u>
Sunday, July 13 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

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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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