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SMART FREEWAY PILOT PROJECT Temecula/Murrieta



REVISED: Week of September 15 Construction Update

The I-15 Smart Freeway Pilot Project will require nightly lane reductions as well as on-ramp closures on northbound I-15 throughout the week of September 15, 2025.

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

Highway Closures and Added Ramp Closures

Date/Time	Activity and Location	Detour
Monday, September 15, 11:59 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Northbound I-15 lane reductions from Rancho California Road to just north of Murrieta Hot Springs Rd.	No detour required, since other lanes will remain open
Thursday, September 18 – Friday, September 19 Nightly 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.	Northbound I-15 lane reductions from Temecula Parkway to Winchester Rd.	No detour required, since other lanes will remain open
* Monday, September 15 – Wednesday, September 17 Nightly, 8 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Northbound I-15 Rancho California Road loop on-ramp closure	East on Rancho California Road to northbound Ynez Road, west on Winchester Road to enter northbound I-15
* Monday, September 15 – Wednesday, September 17 Nightly, 8 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Northbound I-15 Rancho California Road Direct On-ramp closure	West on Rancho California Road to northbound Jefferson Avenue, east on Winchester Road to enter northbound I-15

** Updated Closures*

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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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