



Scott Road/Interstate 215 Interchange Project

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Menifee announces project milestones on Scott Road/Interstate 215 Interchange Project

MENIFEE— The City of Menifee announced major upcoming project milestones at a media tour of the Scott Road /Interstate 215 Interchange Project site on the morning of August 29. The newly aligned and widened northbound on-ramp and southbound off-ramps will open by Sept. 23, 2019, followed by the “Scott Shuffle” in late October, which will “shuffle” traffic onto the new, six-lane Scott Road bridge.

Improvements to the existing northbound on-ramp include realigning the northbound on-ramp and widening it to three lanes, including one HOV lane; adding metering; and lengthening the acceleration lane to nearly one-half mile to provide safer freeway merging. The southbound off-ramp has also been realigned and widened to three lanes.

The Scott Shuffle is a 55-hour weekend interchange and Scott Road closure beginning on a late-October Friday night at 10 p.m. through 5 a.m. on the following Monday morning. The Scott Shuffle closure is necessary so crews can grade changes and align the existing Scott Road and the newly constructed Scott Road bridge. When the closure ends on Monday morning, traffic will “shuffle” onto the new six-lane Scott Road bridge. Exact closure details will be provided closer to the event.

“With the opening of the improved northbound on-ramp and southbound off-ramp in September, followed by the Scott Shuffle that will move cars onto the new bridge in October, Menifee residents, commuters and visitors will see a huge improvement in traffic circulation at this busy interchange,” said Menifee Mayor Bill Zimmerman. “Menifee has been anxiously waiting for these improvements for many years and in just a few short months, we’ll see huge returns on our investment of patience and infrastructure dollars spent.”

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“With the growth our region is experiencing, this is a vitally important project for the residents of both Menifee and Murrieta, as well as the region,” added District 2 Councilmember, Matthew Liesemeyer. “As a Council, we’ve been focused on improving infrastructure and enhancing public safety measures for our residents and with the funding we’ve programmed to the project, I believe it’s very clear where our priorities are.”

“We’re seeing the results of a lot of planning, preparation and hard work as we draw closer to the completion of this vital infrastructure project,” said District 3 Councilmember, Lesa Sobek. “These improvements can’t happen overnight, but as a growing city, we’re focused on creating infrastructure that will accommodate where we are today, as well as where our city is headed in the future.”

Once the ramps and the new Scott Road bridge are open, the \$57.8 million project to improve traffic flow in the Scott Road Corridor will be 55 percent complete, with an estimated Summer 2020 completion. In the following months, crews will demolish the old bridge; complete the partial cloverleaf design with the new northbound off-ramp and southbound on-ramp loops; complete improvements to the existing northbound off-ramp and southbound on-ramp; and complete widening and improvements at the intersections of Scott and Haun Roads and Scott and Antelope Roads.

The project is designed to improve freeway access during peak commute times and improve east/west traffic flow on Scott Road, a regional connector. It also will improve accessibility to the area’s businesses and new housing developments.

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Project Partners

Scott Road/ Interstate 215 Interchange project partners include the City of Menifee, Riverside County Transportation Agency, RCTC, WRCOG, Caltrans and the City of Murrieta.

DHS Consulting is the project construction manager and Atkinson Construction is the general contractor.

Additional information

For more details about the project or construction stages, please visit the City of Menifee website at cityofmenifee.us/ScottRdInterchange.

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