

# Scott Road/Interstate 215 Interchange Project

## FAQs



### **Why is the City doing this project?**

The City of Meniffee is investing millions in Measure DD funding to complete the Scott Road/I-215 Interchange project to greatly improve traffic circulation on this important east/west regional connector. The improved interchange will also provide better access to the southern gateway of Meniffee's Economic Development Corridor (EDC) and to the area's newest housing developments.

### **How long will this take?**

Construction on this three-stage project will begin in September 2018 and expected completion is in Spring 2020. Access to the new six-lane bridge is expected in Summer 2019.

### **When completed, will this project improve traffic during commute times?**

The project is designed to improve freeway access during peak commute times. The new northbound off-loop ramp and new southbound on-loop ramp provide continuous movement to traffic traveling on Scott Road. This configuration will provide new traffic signal phasing that will greatly improve traffic flow through the interchange during peak commute times.

### **Will the roads be closed?**

During daytime construction on weekdays from 7 am to 6 pm, motorists will use Scott Road and the existing interchange with minor traffic changes and reduced speed limits. A majority of the work will be done behind temporary concrete barriers.

Some work will be done during nighttime hours, with advance public notice, and will require traffic control and lane closures. Nighttime work notifications will be posted on the City's website at [cityofmeniffee.us](http://cityofmeniffee.us), by email notifications, and on the city's social media pages.

The Scott Shuffle at the end of Stage 1 will close roads (see below).

### **What is the Scott Shuffle?**

The Scott Shuffle is a weekend-long closure at the end of Stage 1 in order to make grade changes and align Scott Road with the new overpass. During the Scott Shuffle, the overpass bridge and the northbound on- and off-ramps will be closed to traffic. The closure date will be announced as construction progresses. At the end of the weekend closure, traffic will be realigned and motorists will use the newly finished overpass bridge.



## TIMELINE

**Construction begins**  
Summer 2018

**Expected completion**  
Spring 2020

**PROJECT HOTLINE:**  
**(951) 215-2288**  
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### Will freeway lanes be closed?

A construction zone will be set up on the freeway shoulder using K-rail to separate traffic from the construction area. Freeway lanes will remain open, but will be temporarily realigned to allow for construction of the new bridge and new freeway auxiliary lanes. To facilitate construction, the far right hand northbound and southbound lanes will become dedicated “exit only” lanes, leaving only two northbound and two southbound through lanes under the bridge.

Freeway traffic may be congested in the area during heavy commute times due to the reduced lanes. Please plan accordingly and allow extra travel time during commute hours.

There will be some nighttime freeway closures with advance notice, similar to the Newport Road Interchange Project. Freeway traffic will be detoured using the existing on- and off-ramps to travel up and over the bridge, and the Scott Road bridge will be closed to through traffic.

### Will traffic be backed up like it was during the Newport Road Interchange project?

As expected with any construction project of this scope, some traffic congestion will occur and we encourage motorists to allow extra time, or avoid the area if possible.

Motorists will use the existing Scott Road bridge and freeway access, so traffic patterns will be very similar to what they are today. As the project progresses, traffic will migrate to the new bridge and the new loop ramps as they are completed, making traffic flow more smoothly through the area. Even though there will be no lane reductions during the initial staging of the project, motorists are encouraged to seek alternative routes as the sights and sounds of construction zones can impact traffic patterns.

Because construction will reduce through lanes on the I-215, freeway traffic may be congested in the area during heavy commute times.

### Will I be able to access the nearby businesses on Scott Road?

Yes. Full access to all businesses and driveways on Scott Road will be available during construction.

### Why isn't the overpass bridge wider?

This interchange project has been part of Menifee's long-term vision for nearly 10 years. In the early design phases, an eight-lane overpass bridge was planned. In order to move the project forward to meet Menifee's increasing growth while working within constrained funding availability, the City re-designed the project and will build a six-lane overpass bridge, which doubles the size of the current overpass bridge.

### Why is the interchange design different from the Newport Road Interchange?

This project was designed to work within the right-of-way constraints of this location. The loop ramps are positioned on the north side of the bridge because there is not enough right-of-way land available on the south side.

### Are new businesses moving in around Haun and Scott Roads?

The City's Economic Development Department is working with local, regional and national businesses interested in moving into Menifee's Economic Development Corridor along Haun Road and I-215. The new Scott Road Interchange will greatly improve access to the EDC through the southern gateway, making this area more appealing for businesses looking to locate in Southwest Riverside County. Multiple large businesses are closely watching this project to determine if this location will meet their needs.

### How can I get more information?

To receive weekly project updates by email, sign up to receive the city's News & Announcements on the website at [cityofmenifee.us](http://cityofmenifee.us). Updated information will be available on the website and the social media pages.

