



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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UPDATE #4

INTERSTATE 215 OPENS IN MURRIETA

MURRIETA –Northbound Interstate 215 (I-215) opened this morning at approximately 6:30 A.M. just north of Murrieta Hot Springs Road with the southbound side opening yesterday morning at 7:30 A.M. Crews worked around the clock since last Wednesday to open both sides of Interstate 215.

Caltrans Maintenance inspectors identified a depression in the median on Monday, February 16th, that grew to a sinkhole approximately 25 feet long by 6 feet deep in size by Wednesday, February 18th. Work to repair the freeway required a full closure on Wednesday evening for safety reasons. Approximately 250 feet of the drainage pipe was removed and replaced by SEMA Construction per a Director's Emergency Order at an estimated cost of \$6 million dollars.

Caltrans appreciates the public's patience as we worked to make repairs and open the interstate. Visit www.caltrans8.info for more information relating to this and other Caltrans, District 8 projects. Click on "News and Document Center" or contact us at (866) 383-4631.

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