



# CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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## JUMBO SIGNS GO UP AT INTERCHANGE

**Riverside** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is working on the final details of the 60/91/215 project. Several night-time closures are necessary to install the jumbo signs that will straddle the freeway.

There are about 70 overhead signs; 16 are freestanding sign “bridges” with large steel mast arms that span the freeway and support the overhead guide signs. This type of sign structure weighs about 28,000 pounds, is up to 122 feet wide, 10 feet tall with a vertical clearance of 19 feet above the roadway. The foundations are about 3.5 feet in diameter and up to 25 feet deep. The sign consists of a steel frame with a catwalk that allows maintenance access. The sign on eastbound 91 at Mission Inn Avenue is expected to go up by the end of this week. Another sign structure is located over westbound 91 at Spruce Street and is scheduled to be installed next week.

An overhead bridge mounted sign can be slightly smaller. The average width of the sign bridges can vary from 2 or 3 panels. The height average is ten feet and could be up to 100 feet wide, with an average weight of about 24,000 pounds.

In addition to the sign “bridges”, about 50 “cantilever” (one post) and 4 bridge-mounted (sign structure is mounted to a vehicular bridge) will continue to be placed. Motorists will notice more of the orange temporary construction signs disappearing as the permanent signs go up. “It’s a sign of the times as Caltrans nears the end of this huge project in Riverside” stated Rose Melgoza Caltrans spokesperson.

The contractor will have three man crew and a large crane to place the overhead sign structures during a full freeway closure. This is very intricate work that requires a team effort. Meanwhile as the contractor works to wrap things up, drivers should anticipate some delays during the night time closures. Caltrans asks that all advisory signs be obeyed and that you **SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE**. For more information relating to this and other Caltrans, District 8 projects, visit our Web site at [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info) and click on “News and Document Center” or contact us at (866) 383-4631.

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