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CAJON CROSSOVER UPDATE Interstate 15 Cajon Paving Project

SAN BERNARDINO – The Interstate 15 (I-15) Cajon Pass Paving Project is nearly two weeks into the projected ten week crossover traffic configuration for the southbound I-15 pavement work between State Route 138 (SR 138) and Kenwood Avenue. There have been many challenges since the first day the crossover went into effect on July 17.

Caltrans staff is continuing to work with the contractor, Coffman Parsons Joint Venture, and their staff to make adjustments to help alleviate some of the impacts to the traveling public. Following is an update with information and helpful safety tips for motorists.

- Wednesday night, July 29 – Contractor will restripe the southbound crossover to provide a 12-foot shoulder on the right side from the “split” north of SR 138 down to SR 138. This will provide some access for emergency situations and accidents. The southbound I-15 taper (or lane) leading into and crossover will also be extended.
- August 19 – Contractor will open the auxiliary lane on southbound I-15 from SR 138 to Cleghorn Road. This will provide better access to motorists entering I-15 south from SR 138 and also allow traffic to exit Cleghorn Road to use as an alternate route without merging into traffic. This will remain for the duration of the crossover configuration.
- **Motorists who are staying on I-15 south of Interstate 215 (I-215) are encouraged to use Cleghorn Road to Kenwood Avenue on ramp to southbound I-15 to alleviate traffic on southbound I-15 below SR 138. There is no access to I-215 from this alternate route.**

TRUCKERS are advised to try and avoid travel on southbound I-15 in the Cajon Pass from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to alleviate southbound traffic impacts, which have been lengthy.

Do not watch the “Zipper” or Quick Change Moveable Barrier machine as it makes the lane switch. Keep your eyes on the road.

Do not make sudden stops in the crossover. Leave adequate space between the vehicle in front of you to allow for proper stopping distance.

Reduce your speed (60 mph) in the construction zone – always look ahead at traffic. However, if you are not comfortable driving the 60 mph speed limit in the crossover and drive slower or have a slow moving vehicle - use the mainline on southbound I-15 so that traffic can flow smoothly in the crossover.

If you become involved in an accident – try to move to a shoulder or median if there is one available.

For your personal safety, do not exit your vehicle if you are stopped for a long period of time.

If you must exit your vehicle due to an emergency – watch for vehicles and find a safe location to wait for assistance. **Follow ALL commands from law enforcement and emergency personnel.**

Turn your car off if you are stopped for a long period of time – roll your windows down.

Have a full tank to gas, sturdy walking shoes, and extra clothing or blankets in case you become delayed.

No trucks, buses, vehicles towing trailers, or RV’s in the crossover.

If you smoke – **just don’t** - in the Cajon Pass. Keep all ashes and cigarettes inside your vehicle.

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Caltrans will continue to work closely with the Coffman Parsons Joint Venture, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and emergency personnel to make adjustments if necessary to reduce traffic impacts, but mostly importantly to keep everyone safe!

Caltrans and Coffman Parsons Joint Venture thanks the motoring public who use the Cajon Pass for commute, commerce, and recreation for their patience during the project and the traffic impacts.

To keep informed sign up for commuter alerts or check closures at www.CajonPassProject.com or call the project hotline at (844) Cajon-15 (225-6615). Follow us on Twitter for daily project lane closures at [Caltrans8](#) and [CajonPassRehab](#) or “Like” us on Facebook at [i15CajonPassProject](#).

CROSSOVER VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMWhR43FnPU>



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