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BLAINE AND 3RD STREET SCHEDULED TO REOPEN

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the completion of Blaine and 3rd Street Bridge located on the 60/215 Freeway in the city of Riverside. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. on the bridge. Caltrans Director Will Kempton along with several state and local officials will participate in the ceremony.

The Blaine and 3rd Street Bridge is part of the 60/91/215 Improvement project that began in February 2004. In late 2005, the bridge was demolished to make way for much-needed improvements. Not only was the bridge widened, it was also elevated and enhanced to accommodate the ever growing pedestrian traffic.

Construction Statistics

Before	
Length:	255 Feet
Width:	78 Feet
Vertical Clearance:	15 Feet
Vehicle Lanes:	2 lanes - 1 lane each direction plus one left turn lane headed west onto the southbound I-215
After	
Construction Cost:	\$3 Million
Length:	263 Feet
Width:	110.23 Feet
Cubic Yards of Concrete:	4,990 Yards
Pounds of Rebar:	1,029,300 Pounds
Vertical Clearance:	16.85 Feet
Vehicle Lanes:	4 lanes - 2 lanes each direction plus one left turn lane in each direction onto the north and south I-215

Caltrans would like to thank the community and motorists for their continued patience and support during the improvement project. Caltrans asks that motorists please be aware of the construction area and always make a point to **SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE**.
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