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## **FULL FIVE-WEEK CLOSURE FOR BOX SPRINGS ON THE 60/215 FREEWAYS**

**RIVERSIDE** – The California Department of Transportation, (Caltrans) announces the closure of Box Springs bridge and on and off ramps. The closure will begin on Monday, January 8, 2007 and last for five weeks, weather permitting. The temporary hook ramp, recently constructed, will remain open on the southbound 215 during construction. The Box Springs construction is part of the \$320 million improvement project of the 60/91/215 freeway interchange area. The three freeways make up the critical links between the Inland Empire communities of both Riverside and San Bernardino County. The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have partnered with Caltrans in the efforts to improve the mobility of these freeways that carry both commuter and commercial traffic throughout the region.

During the five weeks, the existing bridge will be demolished, the elevation of the roadbed will be raised, and the new northbound on and off ramps will be constructed. The original closure was planned for 10 weeks. However, to lessen the impact on local residents and business owners the plans were modified where possible. This allows the contractor to do the necessary work directly related with the Box Springs construction and schedule other associated work outside the five-week closure.

Motorists traveling eastbound 60/southbound 215 will still be able to access Sycamore Canyon Road by taking the temporary off ramp just north of the Box Springs overcrossing. However, motorist wishing to access Box Springs Road or Fair Isle from any direction, will need to take one of the following routes.

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**Detour:** Motorists wanting to access Box Springs Road on the east side of the freeway are advised to use the following detours:

- 1) Eastbound 60/southbound 215 traffic coming from Riverside will continue onto eastbound 60, exit Day Street, make a left on Day Street and left onto Box Springs Road/Ironwood.
- 2) Westbound 60 traffic coming from Moreno Valley will exit Day Street, right on Day Street, left on Ironwood/Box Springs Road
- 3) Northbound 215 traffic coming from southern Riverside County will detour onto the eastbound 60, exit Day Street, left on Day Street, left on Ironwood/Box Springs Road.

**Detour:** Motorist traveling northbound/westbound from Moreno Valley wanting to access Fair Isle and/or Sycamore Canyon Road are advised to use the following detour:

- 1) Westbound 60/northbound 215 motorists will continue westbound/northbound, exit at Central Avenue, left on Central, left on Sycamore Canyon and on to Fair Isle.
- 2) Eastbound 60/southbound 215 motorist will exit at Central, right on Central, a quick left onto Sycamore.

Those wishing to avoid the freeway can find a detour map at [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info). Click on the 60/91/215 project link, scroll down to the Box Springs information section, and click on the detour map link.

Caltrans would like to thank motorists for their continued patience and support during the 60/91/215 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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