



## Widening Work Continues on the Interstate 15 Express Lanes Corridor



*A crew member pours concrete to widen the outside of northbound I-15 in Escondido.*

Much of the work you will see in the upcoming months will focus on finalizing widening the outside of the freeway. As soon as this widening is complete, crews can begin work on the Express Lanes in the middle of the freeway.

In Escondido, crews are working to complete widening and paving work which will require several ramp closures in April, May and June.

In the South Segment, crews are reconstructing one side of the Carroll Canyon Road and Poway Road/Rancho

Penasquitos Boulevard bridges. Traffic is expected to shift to the outside by mid-2010. These areas should flow better once traffic is shifted to the outside of the freeway.

Thank you for your patience as we complete this work. To save yourself time and frustration, learn more about your travel options and plan your commute during temporary closures caused by this work, please visit:

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## While You Get Your Zzzzzs, We Are Working Like Bees

Caltrans engineers and contractor crews work at night, Sunday through Thursday, and often on weekends, to keep the project on schedule and to limit impacts to weekday commuters. Night work often involves more complex components of the project such as widening bridges, reconstructing ramps and installing large overhead signs. This work requires night closures of surface streets, on- and off-ramps, or the freeway itself.

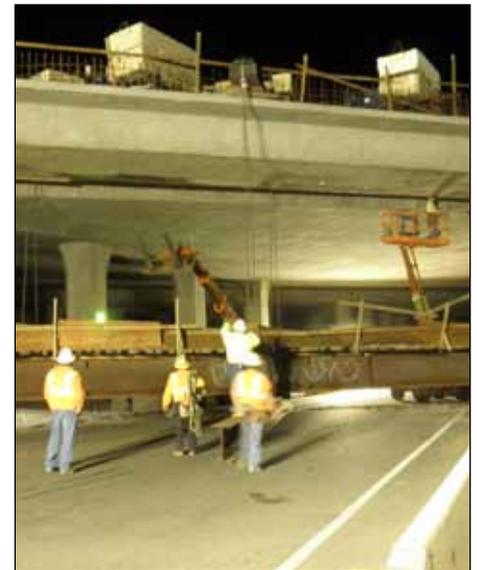
The picture to the right shows recent night work on the Washington Avenue freeway undercrossing in Escondido. In mid-February construction crews had eight hours to lower 65 tons of temporary bridge support beams from the Washington Avenue undercrossing.

They then cleaned up the road so that it could reopen to traffic by 5 a.m.

We work hard to reduce road closure impacts caused by night work. We plan detour routes and mark them with cones and signage for you to follow. The CHP often helps us to manage traffic at night through the detour. In addition, we prepare and circulate construction advisories to residences and businesses near major detour areas. For example, in April, May and June, we will distribute four construction advisories about ramp closures that are planned in Escondido.

To sign up to receive these construction advisories and to see a list of nightly road closures, please go to:

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*Construction crews lower temporary bridge support beams onto Washington Avenue.*

### Question of the Quarter

## How do Cool Temperatures and Rain Delay Construction?

Weather conditions such as cool temperatures and rain can disrupt some construction work. For example, cool temperatures and rain can delay restriping work because paint will not adhere to cold or wet pavement. When the temperature drops below 50 degrees, certain types of paving work cannot occur. On rainy days, crews also maintain Storm Water Pollution Prevention measures to prevent stormwater run-off from the construction sites. To stay on schedule, our experienced construction crews have adjusted and reincorporated work that was delayed by rain into upcoming construction activities. So for the I-15 Express Lanes, the good news is that the overall project is still on schedule despite the rainfall in January, February and March of this year.



*Rainy conditions keep Caltrans and contractor crews busy with mandatory compliance measures to keep the construction site clean and prevent storm water pollution run-off.*