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INTERSTATE 15 INTERCHANGE PROJECTS BEGIN IN VICTORVILLE

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has begun work to reconstruct the interchanges at Stoddard Wells, D Street, and E Street and widen the Mojave River Bridge on Interstate 15 (I-15) in Victorville. The \$71 million project has been awarded to Ames Construction. Preliminary work is taking place to clear brush, place construction signs, and secure the area from any environmental issues such as endangered bird nesting and bat relocation.

Caltrans has been meeting with officials from the City of Victorville and will be meeting officials from the City of Apple Valley and emergency responders to insure the safety and success of the project and to mitigate impacts to surrounding communities and businesses. A community meeting will take place in the coming weeks to inform the nearby residents, businesses, and hospitals of the construction plan and provide information to the Victorville and Apple Valley communities.

The project will require lane and ramp closures and some full directional closures. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2018, weather permitting, with a one year landscape plan following thereafter.

Ames Construction will be securing the Stoddard Wells Bridge from the nesting of any endangered birds by installing netting on the underside of the structure. **The schedule to place the netting is as follows:**

DATE	LOCATION	LANES	HOURS
Friday-Saturday, March 18-19	NB & SB 15 from E Street and Stoddard Wells	2 of 3 lanes closed Off ramps closed @ Stoddard Wells	11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
Saturday-Sunday, March 19-20	NB 15 from E Street to Stoddard Wells	2 of 3 lanes closed	11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
Saturday-Sunday, March 19-20	SB 15 from Stoddard Wells to E Street	2 of 3 lanes closed	8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Monday-Tuesday, March 21-22	NB 15 from E Street to Stoddard Wells	2 of 3 lanes closed Off ramp closed @ Stoddard Wells	10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Monday-Tuesday, March 21-22	SB 15 from Stoddard Wells to E Street	2 of 3 lanes closed	10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Caltrans will continue to keep the public informed with the schedule of work and closures as the project progresses. To stay updated on the I-15 Interchange Project in Victorville, please go to our website at <http://sv08data.dot.ca.gov/memos/memos.php?f=subscribe> and sign up for alerts. Follow traffic conditions on the Caltrans Quickmap at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>.

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