

Phase One Reconstruction of I-15 Corridor Nears Completion

A group of residents from Rancho Bernardo attended the July Joint Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting to hear Caltrans I-15 Corridor Director Gustavo Dallarda discuss the progress of the current construction and address any questions.

In his Power Point presentation Mr. Dallarda, who is responsible for delivering the Early Action improvements along I-15, first addressed the bidding process of the three phases of the construction project which is twenty miles long. Phase One is eight miles long between the destination points of Route 56 to Center City Parkway and will contain four HOV lanes with movable barriers. Route 56 to Duenda Road should be completed by September, with Duenda Road to Center City Parkway completed by December. The opening of the Sabre Springs bus station for express buses and parking for carpools will occur in September.

The Express/HOV lanes may be used by carpools (two or more people) motorcycles, buses and those with FastTrack passes that will tabulate their tolls electronically. For single passengers, signs will be electronically displayed before the entrance to the Express lanes with the amount of the toll displayed above. These tolls will depend on the exit points of Route 56 or 163 and will be a minimum of \$.50.

Bids are out for the four miles of the north Phase Two from Center City Parkway to Route 78 which will have two express lanes in each direction. Phase Three will be the last between the destination points of Route 56 and the 163 freeway.

Residents asked a myriad of questions from how to enter and exit on some points of the expressway to the amount and location of lanes set aside for bicycles. There were also questions about the addition and location of buses to the Bus Rapid Transit system.

The Power Point presentation can be found at the [MTS/SANDAG](http://www.MTS/SANDAG) website www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com for further updates on construction information.