



Phase 2 Fact Sheet

Project Description

The I-15 EXPRESSLink project will add an express lane in both directions on I-15 from 500 North in Salt Lake City to the I-215 ramp in Davis County. In order to accommodate the new width of the freeway, bridges at Beck Street, U.S. 89, and 1100 North will be replaced. The bridges at 800 and 1100 North will be replaced by one bridge at 1100 North. This project is scheduled for completion in Fall 2010.

Project Benefits

I-15 EXPRESSLink is using an aggressive construction schedule, Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) techniques and reversible lanes in order to reduce overall construction impacts, duration and cost. These innovations will save over one year of construction time.

Upon completion, EXPRESSLink will add capacity and reduce travel times by providing more commuting choices through Davis and Salt Lake counties. EXPRESSLink is also part of UDOT's effort to expand the I-15 Express Lanes system from Ogden to Spanish Fork as funding allows.

I-15 Closure

I-15 will be CLOSED in both directions between I-80 and I-215 from midnight, Friday, May 8 until 5:00 am, Monday, May 10. During this closure, crews will remove lane lines and restripe the Interstate to accommodate a new traffic configuration that allows construction to begin on the new southbound lanes. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes such as I-80 to I-215 during the closure.

New Traffic Configuration

Upon reopening, I-15 will be reduced to a total of five lanes and shifted onto what is usually northbound I-15 in a 3x2 lane configuration. Moveable barrier will be used to provide three lanes of traffic in the peak direction. A 2x2 lane configuration may occur during nighttime hours. The middle lane will be reversed daily to provide:

- 3 lanes southbound and 2 lanes northbound from 5:00 AM to Noon, daily
- 2 lanes southbound and 3 lanes northbound from 1:00 PM to Midnight, daily

This 3x2 lane configuration will extend through project completion in Fall 2010 and allows the project to progress more quickly while maintaining as many travel lanes as possible.

Ramps Closures

Additional impacts associated with this project include consecutive southbound ramps closures. *All northbound ramps, Beck Street, and 600 North will remain OPEN until Fall 2009 when widening activities will switch to the other side.*

Beginning April 25 the following ramps will be closed until Fall 2009:

- Southbound 2300 North on and off-ramps.
- Southbound U.S. 89 on-ramp to I-15.
- Southbound 900 West on and off-ramps.

Alternate routes and specific ramp detours are provided on the reverse side

Construction schedules are subject to change due to weather, project conflicts, or equipment/supply issues.

Alternate Routes:

EXPRESSLink construction will increase traffic congestion and cause delays. Motorists should use alternate routes during construction whenever possible. Suggested alternate routes include Legacy Highway, I-215 to I-80, and U.S. 89.

Suggested Detours for Phase 2 Southbound Ramps Closures

<u>Ramp</u>	<u>Detour</u>
U.S. 89 on-ramp to I-15 #312	Warm Springs to 1800 North to Beck Street
2300 North off-ramp #311	Beck Street to 600 North
2300 North on-ramp #311	Center Street to Redwood Road to 2300 North
900 West off-ramp #310	600 North off-ramp
900 West on-ramp #310	900 West to 600 North

Bridges

Construction on the U.S. 89, Beck Street, and 1100 North Bridges will occur throughout Phase 2. The U.S. 89 and 1100 North Bridges will be built on-site and moved into place during this phase. Each bridge placement will also require a weekend closure of I-15.

The 800 North Bridge is tentatively scheduled for demolition following completion of the new 1100 North Bridge. The EXPRESSLink team will do its best to open 1100 North before removing the 800 North Bridge. However, it is possible that both structures will be inaccessible for approximately one month.

More information about bridge demolition and placement will be provided as construction schedules are confirmed.

Safety

Lane width will be reduced to 11 feet and the speed limit has been reduced to 55 mph throughout the project corridor. UDOT encourages drivers to be safe and courteous when traveling through the I-15 EXPRESSLink construction zone. Please remember these "rules of the road."

- Obey the speed limit
- Do not follow too closely
- Be courteous by allowing others to change lanes and merge
- Reduce distractions and keep your eyes on the road
- Stay alert

Information & Updates

Real-time traffic information is available on electronic signs at both ends of the project and on the CommuterLink website www.utahcommuterlink.com

Information about this project is available in a number of other ways. You can:

- Get weekly email updates, ask questions, or share concerns by emailing expresslink@somers-jaramillo.com
- Call the Toll Free hotline 1-888-556-0232
- Visit the project web page www.udot.utah.gov/expresslink
- Tune to 1530 AM while in the project area