Project Information
June 2020

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I-8 Imperial Detour-Full Closure
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IMPROVING THE HIGHWAY
Caltrans has received funding to move forward on reconstructing the interchange at Imperial Avenue and Interstate 8 (I-8) in the city of El Centro. Work will include constructing two ramps at I-8 that will provide direct access to southbound Imperial Avenue and will provide connectivity to the south portion of the city. The improvements will complement city plans for future commercial and residential development.

MEETING TRAFFIC DEMANDS
Traffic in the project area is primarily associated with the growth in international trade and travel between the United States and Mexico as well as travel onto and from Imperial Avenue north of I-8. The Imperial Avenue interchange experiences congestion in the morning and afternoon hours. Approximately 16,000-27,000 vehicles per day use this section on I-8. By 2025, traffic on this portion of I-8 is projected to almost double.

SECURING DOLLARS
The $44 million project is funded through the State Regional Improvement Program and the Federal High Priority Projects Program.

WHAT’S AHEAD?
Project construction began April 2020 and is scheduled for completion early 2023. The I-8 Imperial Avenue Interchange is expected to open to traffic mid-2022.
STAGE 1: Work on Southern Portion of Interstate 8 (8-10 Months)

Construction Activities:
• Place construction signs
• Place K-rail/restripe lanes
• Bridge Demolition and Falsework, Construct Embankments
• Construct Bridge Abutments
• Construct Imperial Avenue Overcrossing Bridge
• Construct Connectors, Gore areas, Drainage, and Infiltration Basins

Traffic Impacts:
• EB I-8/Imperial Avenue on-/off-ramps closed
• No access from EB I-8 to Imperial Avenue
• No access to EB I-8 from Imperial Avenue
• WB I-8/Imperial Avenue on-/off-ramps open

STAGE 2: Work on Northern Portion of Interstate 8 (4 to 6 Months)

Construction Activities:
• Place additional construction signs
• Place K-rail/restripe lanes
• Construct Retaining Walls
• Remaining work on Connectors including Gore areas
• Drainage and Infiltration Basins
• Final Pavement Delineation
• Open to traffic mid-2022
• Landscaping/project completion early 2023

Traffic Impacts:
• All I-8/Imperial Avenue on- and off-ramps closed
• No access from EB / WB I-8 to Imperial Avenue
• No access from Imperial Avenue to EB / WB I-8
• Imperial Avenue Intersection CLOSED (adjacent to the project) - No access south of Ocotillo Drive.

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Nighttime Full Closures - I-8/Imperial Avenue On/Off Ramps Closed

Recommended Detour - Full I-8 EB Freeway Closure at Imperial Avenue

Recommended Detour - Full I-8 WB Freeway Closure at Imperial Avenue
Stage 1 - Eastbound I-8 Imperial Avenue (On/Off Ramps Closed)
For more information or to be added to the distribution list to receive project updates, please contact the **Caltrans Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670** or by email to CT.Public.Information.D11@dot.ca.gov

**I-8 Imperial Avenue Project Info:**
https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-11/current-projects/i8-imp-interchange

For real-time traffic information including traffic speeds, lane and road closures due to construction and maintenance activities, and more, go to http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/

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