



## November 2015 Project Update

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### New Stations Taking Shape



Seven concrete columns have been formed south of University Avenue for the future pedestrian stairwell.

San Diego's first freeway-level transit stations along State Route 15 (SR 15) at University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard are beginning to take shape. Crews have filled several concrete columns as foundation for the pedestrian stairwell to the future transit station at University Avenue. Other recent construction activities include work on transit station walls south of University Avenue and paving in the SR 15 median.

As the safety of motorists and workers is the highest priority, the majority of construction work takes place at night to minimize traffic impacts and allow construction vehicles to move safely in and out of construction zones. Crews will work to minimize noise and light impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods. Thank you for your patience during construction.

### Mid-City Fun Fact Did You Know...

El Cajon Boulevard served as the lifeline of east-west travel in and out of San Diego before Interstate 8 was developed through Mission Valley. Originally named El Cajon Avenue, the roadway joined Highway 80 in 1912, and was officially named El Cajon Boulevard in 1937.

Catering to the influx of automobile traffic, businesses along El Cajon Boulevard more than doubled between 1930 and 1940. The Boulevard was a bustling business district lined with shops, gas stations, and hotels like The Lafayette, which is still thriving today.

El Cajon Boulevard is now enjoying a revitalization, including plans to update infrastructure, build new housing developments, and beautify storefronts. The completion of the SR 15 Mid-City Centerline *Rapid* Transit Stations will help improve connections to Mid-City.



El Cajon Boulevard was lined with retail shops in 1959. Photo courtesy of El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association and San Diego Historical Society.

### Project Team Donates Food to Local Group



Members of the project team met with volunteers at St. Mark's in City Heights to donate groceries to their neighborhood food cupboard.

With the holiday season around the corner, the SR 15 Mid-City Centerline *Rapid* Transit Stations project team reached out to a local organization as part of efforts to help support the Mid-City community. Team members donated a turkey, canned goods, and assorted groceries to St. Mark's in City Heights to help provide for those in need this holiday season.

St. Mark's has been serving the needs of Mid-City neighborhoods since 1913, providing programs for hunger relief and family support services. The project team appreciates the patience and support of neighbors during project construction, and the team looks forward to opportunities to connect with local organizations and give back to the Mid-City community.

### Project Summary

The \$65 million project will build San Diego's first freeway-level transit stations along SR 15 at El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue. New 2.5-mile transit-only lanes also will be constructed within the existing SR 15 median from just north of Interstate 805 to just south of Interstate 8. The SR 15 Mid-City Centerline *Rapid* Transit Stations Project is expected to be completed in 2017.

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