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Rapid bus improvements require evening closures of State Route 15



The Mid-City Centerline Rapid bus stations will be located along the I-15 at El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue. (John Gibbins / San Diego Union-Tribune)



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A number of lane and ramp closures will affect state Route 15 starting tonight night through Thursday as part of the construction of the region's first freeway-level transit stations.

The Mid-City Centerline Rapid bus stations will be along I-15 at El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue. Transit-only lanes are being constructed along the Route 15 median from north of Interstate 805 to just south of Interstate 8.

The improvements are expected to improve performance between Rapid and local buses. Metropolitan Transit System routes 1, 60, and Rapid 215 will be able to catch Rapid 235 at the new Centerline stations for connections to downtown as well as North County. The \$65 million project is [funded through](#) the San Diego Association of Governments and expected to be completed by spring 2018.

“This important overnight work is helping us provide Mid-City residents with a new safe, reliable and convenient transportation choice,” SANDAG chair and county Supervisor Ron Roberts said in a press statement. “The SR 15 Mid-City Centerline Rapid Transit Stations are a critical component of our growing Rapid network in the region.”

To allow crews to restripe the highway, all northbound lanes will be closed tonight and Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. between I-805 and I-8. Northbound ramps at University Avenue, El Cajon Boulevard, and Adams Avenue will be closed. The northbound off-ramp to Camino del Rio South and the northbound connectors from I-805 to Route 15 and Route 15 to I-8 will also be closed

All southbound Route 15 lanes will be closed Wednesday and Thursday nights from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. between I-8 and I-805. Southbound ramps will be closed at Adams Avenue, El Cajon Boulevard, and University Avenue. Southbound on-ramp at Camino del Rio South and southbound connectors from I-8 to Route 15 and Route 15 to I-805 will also be closed.