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I-15 CORE is reconstructing the Spanish Fork Main Street and U.S. 6 interchanges, allowing the two to work smoothly as one. The following are some frequently asked questions about the new interchange:

### **How will the ramps change?**

The northbound exits to Spanish Fork Main Street and U.S. 6 will be combined.

- Motorists exiting I-15 for Main Street will stay in the left lane(s) on the ramp and proceed to Main Street.
- Motorists accessing U.S. 6 will stay in the right lane(s) and utilize a new direct ramp bridge over Main Street to connect with U.S. 6.

The southbound ramps will also be combined in a similar fashion. Motorists exiting southbound I-15 for Spanish Fork Main Street or U.S. 6 will utilize the same exit, located near the current exit to U.S. 6.

- Motorists accessing Spanish Fork Main Street will proceed in the right lane(s) down the ramp to Main Street.
- Motorists accessing U.S. 6 will exit in the same location and utilize the left lane(s) to proceed on the new bridge over I-15 to U.S. 6.

Traffic from westbound U.S. 6 to southbound I-15 will also utilize the new U.S. 6 Bridge over I-15. Motorists will proceed to a traffic signal on the bridge and then turn left (south) to take a separated ramp bridge over Spanish Fork Main Street to enter southbound I-15.

### **How will these changes improve access and traffic flow in the interchange?**

The combined exit ramps will replace the old loop ramps and merges in the previous interchange, increasing efficiency by keeping traffic travelling between I-15 and U.S. 6 off the local streets. It also moves the location where U.S. 6 traffic merges with southbound I-15 to after the Spanish Fork Main Street exit, alleviating some of the existing congestion at the traffic signals and on I-15.

### **Will traffic get backed up with a traffic signal at the U.S. 6 intersection?**

The new U.S. 6 bridge over I-15 will carry both east- and westbound traffic. It is more efficient to build one bridge for both travel directions and will be less costly to maintain over the life of the bridge. A traffic signal is necessary to allow safe movement in both directions. The traffic signal will be programmed to allow time for the more popular movements. Based on the current traffic counts, more time will be provided for traffic coming from southbound I-15 to eastbound U.S. 6. Additionally, each new ramp will have several lanes, allowing for more vehicle capacity and storage. These improvements are designed to meet the projected traffic counts for 2030 and beyond.

### **Will Main Street be widened under I-15?**

Yes. Spanish Fork Main Street will be widened to three lanes in each direction with a dual-left turn lane from southbound Main Street to northbound I-15 and a single left turn lane from northbound Main Street to southbound I-15. The project will also replace the sidewalk, curb, and gutters in this area.

### **Will I still have access from Main Street to U.S. 6?**

The direct access ramp between Spanish Fork Main Street and U.S. 6 will not be included in the final interchange configuration. Local traffic will utilize 1000 North, 400 North or Center Street to travel between Spanish Fork Main Street and U.S. 6.

### **Why are you closing access from Main Street to Industrial Park Drive/200 East?**

I-15 and the new southbound off-ramp to Main Street are being widened as part of this project. The new off-ramp to Main Street is also closer to Industrial Park Drive than the previous ramp was. In order to improve safety, Industrial Park Drive will be made into a cul-de-sac in order to prevent traffic from making the right turn (eastbound) too close to the interchange. Area motorists will be able to access local businesses on Industrial Park Drive by using 1600 North.