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## **UDOT to Close I-15 in Orem Saturday Night**

*Construction continues on state's longest pedestrian bridge  
over I-15 near Utah Valley University*

**OREM (August 20, 2020)** — The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) advises drivers to plan ahead for an overnight closure of I-15 in Orem this Saturday, Aug. 22. I-15 will close in both directions between University Parkway and 800 North from Saturday, Aug. 22, at 10:30 p.m. to Sunday, Aug. 23, at 10 a.m. Crews will be pouring concrete for the walking surface of the state's longest pedestrian bridge.

During the closure, drivers should plan for delays and allow extra travel time, as all traffic will be detoured off I-15. Northbound drivers will exit at University Parkway and follow a route along State Street and 800 North to get back to the freeway. Southbound drivers will exit at 800 North and use Geneva Road and University Parkway to reenter southbound I-15.

More than 50 truckloads of concrete will be used Saturday night – enough to build a 6-foot-wide sidewalk nearly a mile and a half long (approximately 525 cubic yards). Once complete, the bridge will weigh more than five million pounds, have a 15-foot-wide walking surface, and cross approximately 23 feet above the freeway.

The Utah Valley University Pedestrian Bridge is one of the most significant non-vehicle investments UDOT has ever made, and represents a collaborative effort between UDOT, UVU, and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA). The 1,000-foot-long bridge spans College Drive and I-15 as well as the Union Pacific Railroad and UTA FrontRunner tracks, stretching from the UVU parking lot to the UTA Orem FrontRunner Station. Between 5,000 and 6,000 students are expected to use the bridge daily once it opens in early 2021.

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