



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **RCTC Launches New Freeway Service Patrol Operations in Southwestern Riverside County Yesterday**

As drivers in southwestern Riverside County returned from the Labor Day holiday yesterday, they received some extra help on the road, thanks to the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) new Freeway Service Patrol operations now under way on Interstate 15 and Interstate 215.

The Freeway Service Patrol offers help to stranded motorists by changing flat tires, jump-starting dead batteries, cooling overheated engines, and performing routine mechanical repairs to help get drivers safely back on their way. They also tow vehicles from the freeway to preapproved locations – all at no out-of-pocket charge to the motorist.

The service, which has been operating in other locations in western Riverside County since 1993, expanded yesterday to:

- 27 miles on I-15 from Indian Truck Trail to Temecula Parkway/79-South in Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Murrieta and Temecula; and
- 12 miles on I-215 from Ethanac Road to Murrieta Hot Springs Road in Menifee, Wildomar and Murrieta

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## **FSP Expands to Southwestern Riverside County**

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Service is being provided during peak commute times: Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

During yesterday's first day of service, Freeway Service Patrol drivers assisted 36 motorists in southwestern Riverside County.

The service expansion is being funded by \$1.6 million in revenue from the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, more commonly known as the "gas tax."

The program marked its 25th anniversary of FSP operations on June 28. The roving tow truck operators provide an average of 40,000 "assists" per year. Yesterday's service expansion boosts coverage to 140 miles, including sections of roadways further north on I-15, I-215, State Routes 60 and 91, and the 91 Express Lanes.

For more information about the program, including a map of service areas, as well as hours of operation, click [here](#).