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Construction Coming Soon to Add New Lane to Westbound 91 in Corona

The Riverside County Transportation Commission awarded a contract today to build a new lane on westbound 91 from the Green River Road on-ramp to the southbound 241 connector. This non-tolled lane will help offer relief for morning commuters and for Corona and Coronita residents, who face frustration with traffic congestion daily.

The 91 Corridor Operations Project, also known as the 91 COP, was developed in 2018 and accelerated to the construction start-line, based on traffic data and input from area residents. RCTC will build the project in partnership with Caltrans, the Orange County Transportation Authority, the City of Corona, and the Transportation Corridor Agencies.

The \$18.9 million contract, awarded to OHL USA, was 27 percent lower than anticipated, a \$7 million savings to taxpayers.

Construction is expected to take about one year. The contractor may earn two early completion bonuses totaling up to \$472,500 if schedule milestones are advanced. There also are financial penalties for not reaching these milestones.

“Traffic levels are starting to return to pre-pandemic levels and the 91 continues to be a challenge for Riverside County residents,” said RCTC Chair and Wildomar City Council Member Ben J. Benoit. “We never stopped moving forward because we planned ahead and we know how important it is to keep our economy moving, especially right now.”

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To add the new lane, the project also will widen the outer pavement along the 91 or restripe lanes in various locations, widen the County Line Creek Undercrossing, build retaining walls on the north side of the 91, rebuild a portion of Green River Road near the Green River Golf Club entrance, replace overhead signs, and add lighting.

Once aboard, the contractor will develop a construction schedule and RCTC will share this information with the community. Motorists, residents, and users of the Santa Ana River Trail are invited to register for [construction updates](#) and to follow @therctc on social media for the latest information. Please watch for lane closures, narrower lanes, construction crews and equipment, and changing conditions on both the 91 and Green River Road. Noisy work also may occur.

This project is one of several that RCTC has launched this year. This spring, construction began on the I-15 Railroad Canyon Interchange in Lake Elsinore and the Pachappa Underpass in Riverside. Design started on the 15/91 Express Lanes Connector in Corona and construction is expected to kick off in 2021. In Perris, construction of the I-215 Placentia Avenue Interchange, the first contract of the Mid County Parkway, will start later this summer. Each of these projects will generate employment and economic activity to help with Riverside County's recovery from the current recession.