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Riverside County Projects Recommended for State Funding

Staff of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) recommended three Riverside County projects, including the 71/91 Interchange in Corona, for \$77.8 million in funding today through a statewide competitive grant process. The CTC will vote December 2 and 3 on the recommendations, which would be funded through gas tax revenue authorized by Senate Bill 1.

The funding recommendations include:

- 71/91 Interchange Project, Corona: \$58.1 million
- McKinley Avenue Railroad/Street Grade Separation Project, Corona: \$10.3 million
- Limonite Avenue Gap Closure Project, Eastvale, \$9.4 million

The Riverside County Transportation Commission is sponsoring the 71/91 Interchange Project and has applied multiple times for state and federal funding. The interchange improvement is part of the voter-approved Measure A transportation improvement plan, which provides partial funding for the project. The \$58.1 million allocation will provide the remaining funds needed to rebuild the interchange, which serves as a gateway between Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino Counties and is a vital link for commuters and freight vehicles that use the 91.

The non-tolled interchange is designed to reduce congestion, increase travel reliability, improve safety, and enhance air quality. The \$121 million construction effort will replace the existing single-lane loop connector between eastbound 91 and northbound 71 with a new, two-lane, direct connector ramp, build a new, separate lane from Green River Road to east of the 71/91

Interchange, and realign the eastbound 91 on-ramp from Green River Road to improve access to the interchange. If the CTC approves funding for the project, construction may begin in 2022 and open in 2024. Learn more [here](#).

“Funding for the 71/91 Interchange is welcome news for residents of Riverside County. Funding for this deficient interchange is long overdue,” said RCTC Chair and Wildomar City Council Member Ben J. Benoit. “We strongly urge the CTC to support their staff’s funding recommendation.”

The City of Corona and the City of Eastvale are the sponsors of the McKinley Street and Limonite Avenue projects that also were recommended for funding.

CTC also recommended that the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority receive \$118 million for its Interstate 15 Corridor Project, which will cross the San Bernardino/Riverside County line to connect with RCTC’s 15 Express Lanes at Cantu-Galleano Ranch Road. RCTC is working with SBCTA on this project to provide a seamless travel experience for express lane customers.

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