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### **Riverside County Projects Receive \$78 million in state funding for projects in Corona, Eastvale**

The California Transportation Commission awarded funding today for three Riverside County projects, including the long-awaited 71/91 Interchange in Corona, through a statewide competitive grant process.

Funding was provided through gas tax revenue authorized by Senate Bill 1 and included:

- 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 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 award will provide the final portion of the \$121 million needed to rebuild the interchange.

“Funding for the 71/91 Interchange is long overdue, so this is welcome news for our Riverside County residents,” said RCTC Chair and Wildomar City Council Member Ben J. Benoit. “We look forward to completion of this work, which will help relieve traffic congestion, especially on eastbound 91 during the afternoon commute hours,” he said.

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The interchange 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 new, non-tolled interchange is designed to reduce traffic congestion, increase travel reliability, improve safety, and enhance air quality.

Work is expected to start in 2022 and open in 2024. The project will replace the existing single-lane loop connector between eastbound 91 and northbound 71 with a 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. Learn more [here](#).

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

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority was awarded \$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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