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All Lanes on Westbound 91 Reopen this Morning, Well Ahead of Schedule

Construction crews for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's 15/91 Express Lanes Connector Project reopened all westbound 91 lanes this morning, nearly 24 hours ahead of the projected Monday morning opening.

The first car traveled through at 5:53 a.m., well ahead of the scheduled opening on Monday at 5 a.m. The lanes will remain open for the rest of the weekend.

Crews worked since 9 p.m. on Friday, building the support structure for the future connector, which will provide a seamless link between the 15 Express Lanes that opened in April 2021 and the 91 Express Lanes that opened in March 2017.

The weekend full closure of the westbound lanes allowed crews to work safely and efficiently. Between 200 and 300 crew members were in the field to complete the work, which involved using cranes to place large steel beams and shorter cross beams to form the support structure to build the connector.

This work was originally planned for the weekend of January 21 but was canceled, due to forecasted high winds. Work was rescheduled for the weekend of January 28, after the construction team reviewed weather forecasts and determined it was safe to proceed.

While the project remains under construction until 2023, three additional weekend closures will be scheduled for additional support structure work. Please watch for future notifications.

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The \$270 million investment is a partnership of RCTC and Caltrans. Construction began in April 2021. Once completed, the connector is intended to reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety due to less weaving among lanes, and improve travel time reliability between the two tolled facilities.

For project details and to register for construction updates, visit rctc.org/15-91connector or text CONNECTOR to (844) 771-0995.

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