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## RCTC to Open New Lane on Southbound I-15 in Corona, Temescal Valley on Saturday Morning

A new lane on southbound Interstate 15 is set to open the morning of July 23 in Corona and Temescal Valley as part of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's <u>I-15 Interim Corridor Operations</u>

Project.

The lane extends from the Cajalco Road on-ramp in Corona to the Weirick Road off-ramp in Temescal Valley. The project added a non-tolled lane next to the right-hand shoulder to help improve the flow of traffic in this heavily traveled area. Crews strengthened the shoulder pavement to handle the extra weight of vehicles and restriped the roadway to fit the new lane. Construction began May 23, exactly two months from the opening date.

"Finding ways to help improve traffic operations and enhance driver safety helps bring our communities together," said RCTC Vice Chair Robert Magee, who also serves as a Lake Elsinore City Council Member. "The I-15 Interim Corridor Operations Project continues RCTC's efforts to identify and deliver transportation solutions that benefit our residents, our communities, and our economy."

This is RCTC's fourth project opening in 2022, with a fifth just around the corner. RCTC opened the <u>91</u> Corridor Operations Project in Corona in January, the <u>I-15 Railroad Canyon Road Interchange</u> in Lake Elsinore in April, the <u>Route 60 Truck Lanes</u> in the Riverside County Badlands between Moreno Valley and Beaumont in May, and expects to open the I-215 Placentia Avenue Interchange in Perris this fall.

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The five projects represent a combined investment of more than \$214 million, including \$5 million for the new lane on I-15.

This latest project was developed as a result of discussions held last year between RCTC, Caltrans, the City of Corona, the County of Riverside, and the California Highway Patrol.

The lane will open with temporary exit signs. Permanent overhead signs are scheduled to be installed Sunday and Monday nights. Please watch for lane closure announcements for the overhead sign installation by following @therctc on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram or by visiting <a href="rect.org/15icop">rctc.org/15icop</a>.

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