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Plan Ahead for Nighttime Full Closures of Eastbound 91 and 91 Express Lanes in Corona, Weekend of June 9-12

Motorists should avoid traveling east on the 91 in Corona during the upcoming weekend or face heavy traffic delays, due to nighttime closures of eastbound 91 and accompanying closures of the 91 Express Lanes and Green River Road on-ramp in Riverside County.

The closures, which are needed for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's <u>71/91</u> Interchange Project, will include:

- Full closures of all eastbound 91 lanes from Green River Road to Serfas Club Drive, Saturday, June 10 from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m.; Sunday, June 11 from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m.; and Monday, June 12 from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m.
- Full closures of the eastbound and westbound 91 Express Lanes in Riverside County the entire weekend
- Full closures of the eastbound 91 Green River Road on-ramp, starting at 9 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights and continuing until the 91 lanes reopen each morning

The southbound 71 connectors to eastbound and westbound 91 will remain open the entire weekend. The eastbound and westbound 91 general purpose lanes will remain open during daytime hours.

Crews will be moving large equipment and materials to the median of the 91 including a large support structure and cranes that will lift it into place for the future 71/91 connector. The support structure is a large rebar cage that is being built adjacent to the 91 and will be placed into a 15-foot diameter, 160-foot deep, pre-drilled hole in the median. The hole will be filled with 700 cubic yards of concrete to form the foundation for one of the columns of the 71/91 connector. The cage is 14 feet in diameter, 160 feet

long, and weighs 232,000 pounds. Because of the size of the cage and the amount of concrete to be transported (more than 70 truckloads), the lanes must be closed for the safety of motorists.

To reduce time caught in traffic, drivers should avoid the closure area and use Routes 71 or 57 to eastbound 60 as detour routes. See map below.



West Corona residents may use Green River Road to Palisades Drive to Serfas Club Drive/Auto Center Drive to enter eastbound 91. Motorists should allow for extra time to reach area businesses, which will remain open. Fire, police, and ambulance services will have access for emergency response.

Motorists also are advised to consider Metrolink passenger rail as a travel alternative. Please visit metrolinktrains.com for schedules, fares, and other information.

Activities are subject to change due to weather or other factors. If planned work cannot be completed the weekend of June 9-12, it will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Construction of the 71/91 Interchange began in February, and the connector is expected to open in 2025. The project will replace the existing single-lane loop connector between eastbound 91 and northbound 71 with a two-lane direct connector. Once completed, the project is intended to improve safety, expand access to other modes of travel, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance traffic flow. The \$137 million investment is providing 1,677 jobs during construction.

To register for construction updates, text 7191interchange to 77222 or sign up through the project webpage, rctc.org/71-91interchange.