



SR-91 Eastbound Lane Addition Project

Fast Facts



Improving Travel Between Orange and Riverside Counties

On Time, Under Budget

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), added a lane to the eastbound Riverside Freeway (SR-91) between the Eastern Toll Road (SR-241) in eastern Orange County and the Corona Expressway (SR-71) in western Riverside County to reduce traffic congestion. The total length of the SR-91 improvement project was 5.9 miles.

Project Improvements:

- Added one general-purpose lane to eastbound SR-91 between SR-241 and SR-71
- Widened all lanes and shoulders in the project area to full standard widths
- Widened five bridges
- Constructed a series of retaining walls

Key Benefits

- Helps relieve bottlenecks at the merger of northbound SR-241/SR-91 and at the interchange of SR-91/SR-71.
- Improves the general flow of eastbound traffic on SR-91 in the project area.
- Improves safety by reducing the potential for traffic accidents.

This project is part of the 2006 Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) as a general-purpose lane addition. The RTP is a long-range plan that identifies multi-modal regional transportation needs and

investments over the next 25 years in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties.

Keeping Commuters Moving

OCTA, Caltrans and RCTC worked together to keep the freeway open and commuters on the go. Construction of the SR-91 Eastbound Lane Addition Project took place without ever having to shut down the freeway. Lane closures occurred during nighttime/off-peak hours, mainly between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

The project also included a public outreach program that kept commuters, communities and stakeholders focused on project progress, milestones and the finish line. In early December, after little more than one year, the new, nearly 6-mile lane was completed on time and under budget.

Construction Timeline

Construction Start	November 2009
Construction Completed	December 2010
Project Cost	\$65 million
Construction Funding	AARA
Project Partners	OCTA
	Caltrans
	RCTC
	FHWA

First of a Series

The SR-91 Eastbound Lane Addition Project is the first in a series of projects intended to increase capacity, relieve congestion and improve mobility on the SR-91.

The SR-91 is one of the region's most impacted freeways, connecting commuters and commercial vehicles with important destinations. The SR-91 links Orange and Riverside counties, connecting residential communities with job markets. The SR-91 also is an important "bridge" between the ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach and destinations in Southern California and beyond.

For More Information

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