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## Stimulating the Economy

President Obama signed the \$787 billion "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act," a sweeping economic stimulus package aimed at creating jobs and strengthening our nation's deteriorating financial situation. The plan will create or save 3.5 million jobs nationwide by the end of 2010.

### Closer to Home

It is estimated that if Orange County receives its fair share of federal dollars, many of those dollars will be allocated for roads, mass transit and other infrastructure improvements. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has shovel-ready transportation projects that qualify for the economic stimulus package because over the past three years, OCTA worked with members of the business community, taxpayers, environment advocates, elected officials, labor leaders and other stakeholders to create a transportation investment plan and accelerate projects to deliver environmentally friendly, transportation solutions. Because of effective partnerships, many of these projects have been accelerated through planning,

environmental and engineering processes and are ready to go, but still require additional state and federal funding. These countywide and city projects will create tens of thousands of new jobs and improve our transportation system.

One of OCTA's shovel-ready projects is the Riverside Freeway (SR-91) Eastbound Lane Addition Project, which would widen the eastbound SR-91 by adding a new general purpose lane from the Eastern Toll Road (SR-241) to the Chino Valley Freeway (SR-71). The project would help relieve traffic congestion along the SR-91 corridor.

By investing in our transportation system, it will create jobs in the short term and provide the foundation for economic growth and a better quality of life in the longer term. To read more about OCTA's shovel-ready projects, please visit OCTA's website at [www.octa.net](http://www.octa.net).



## Maintaining the 91 Express Lanes

Did you know that every three weeks, the 91 Express Lanes are closed on Sunday mornings from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.? The reason for the closure is to let Caltrans perform maintenance on the toll lanes. OCTA contracts with Caltrans for routine maintenance, which consists of sweeping and removal of debris on the roadway, filling in cracks and potholes, and replacing over 350 channelizers (the yellow markers that separate the 91 Express Lanes from the general purpose lanes).

Did you know that it is against the law to cut in and out of the 91 Express Lanes through the channelizers and the double yellow lines? Not only is it a safety hazard but this violation carries a minimum fine of \$372. OCTA contracts with the California Highway Patrol to have dedicated officers patrol and enforce traffic violations on the 91 Express Lanes. Vehicles must enter and exit at the proper locations and CHP officers will cite drivers who fail to do so.

Maintaining the high standards of the 91 Express Lanes and providing our customers with a fast, safe and reliable commute are and will remain ongoing priorities for OCTA.



## SB 1316—Paving the Way for Expansion

Senate Bill 1316 (Correa) was approved and signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2008. This bill approved extending the 91 Express Lanes toll facility along the SR-91 into Riverside County. That's good news for all 91 Express Lanes customers.

The bill allows OCTA to assign its rights, interests and obligations in the Riverside County portion of the toll lanes to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). OCTA and RCTC have commenced discussions on the extension, in addition to other improvement projects along the SR-91 corridor. The other improvement projects include:

- Adding a general purpose lane in each direction from the Orange County line to I-15
- Building direct connector flyover from the eastbound SR-91 to the northbound SR-71
- Constructing one HOV/HOT lane in each direction on the I-15
- Adding auxiliary lanes at various locations along the SR-91

SB 1316 also authorized a broader use of toll revenues for improvement projects within five miles of the SR-91 corridor. Additional revenue generated by expansion of the 91 Express Lanes would finance some of these projects. The passage of the bill reflects years of cooperation and consideration by both Orange and Riverside counties to facilitate improvements along one of the most congested corridors in the nation.

## What Would You Like To See?



No one knows the 91 Express Lanes better than you. As a regular customer, you know every mile of the toll road, and you're familiar with the service and the statements we provide for your account. We trust that you've had your questions answered satisfactorily by our customer service representatives when you've called. But we would like to do better.

What would make driving on the 91 Express Lanes more enjoyable for you? Please share your thoughts

and ideas with us. We are always looking for new ways to improve our service and make driving on the 91 Express Lanes the most enjoyable part of your commute.

We are also interested in what would encourage you to use the 91 Express Lanes more often. What type of a promotion would you suggest to increase usage? For example, would you be interested in a promotion for weekend travel on the 91 Express Lanes?

Let us know what you think. Visit

**[www.octa.net/ideasfor91x](http://www.octa.net/ideasfor91x)** to submit your ideas. We welcome all of your comments and suggestions for improvement. So send your ideas in today. The next improvement to the 91 Express Lanes may be the one you suggest.

## New Lower Tolls Effective April 1, 2009

To help manage congestion and optimize the number of vehicles traveling on the 91 Express Lanes, a toll adjustment is being made to some of the eastbound afternoon travel hours. Starting April 1, 2009, tolls will be lowered for the hours marked in blue on the toll schedules below. The latest adjustment reflects the third consecutive decrease for fiscal year 2008-2009.

The toll reduction is OCTA's congestion management pricing policy at work and it's our way to deliver a fast, safe and reliable commute to our customers.

## Annual Report Complete

The 2008 91 Express Lanes Annual Report is complete and available online. The report focuses on ten major milestones made along the 91 Express Lanes during OCTA's five years of ownership. The report includes financial information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. To view "10 Milestones Along the 91 Express Lanes," visit [www.octa.net/91annual08](http://www.octa.net/91annual08).



91 Express Lanes Toll Schedule		Eastbound Effective April 1, 2009 SR-55 to Riverside Co. Line						
		Sun	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat
eastbound	Midnight	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	1:00 am	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	2:00 am	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	3:00 am	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	4:00 am	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	5:00 am	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	6:00 am	\$1.25	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.25
	7:00 am	\$1.25	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.25
	8:00 am	\$1.60	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95
	9:00 am	\$1.60	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95
	10:00 am	\$2.40	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.40
	11:00 am	\$2.40	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.40
	Noon	\$2.90	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$3.00	\$2.90
	1:00 pm	\$2.90	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$4.65	\$2.90
	2:00 pm	\$2.90	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$4.00	\$4.10	\$2.90
	3:00 pm	\$2.40	\$4.20	\$3.70	\$5.45	\$5.70	\$9.50	\$2.90
	4:00 pm	\$2.40	\$6.05	\$7.75	\$8.25	\$9.55	\$9.30	\$2.90
	5:00 pm	\$2.40	\$5.85	\$7.75	\$8.25	\$9.05	\$7.75	\$2.90
	6:00 pm	\$2.40	\$4.20	\$4.60	\$4.10	\$5.40	\$5.05	\$2.40
	7:00 pm	\$2.40	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.30	\$4.70	\$1.95
	8:00 pm	\$2.40	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.75	\$4.30	\$1.95
	9:00 pm	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.75	\$1.95
	10:00 pm	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.95	\$1.25
	11:00 pm	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25

91 Express Lanes Toll Schedule		Westbound Effective April 1, 2009 Riverside Co. Line to SR-55						
		Sun	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat
westbound	Midnight	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	1:00 am	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	2:00 am	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	3:00 am	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	4:00 am	\$1.25	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$1.25
	5:00 am	\$1.25	\$3.80	\$3.80	\$3.80	\$3.80	\$3.65	\$1.25
	6:00 am	\$1.25	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.80	\$1.25
	7:00 am	\$1.25	\$4.35	\$4.35	\$4.35	\$4.35	\$4.20	\$1.70
	8:00 am	\$1.70	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.80	\$1.95
	9:00 am	\$1.70	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$2.40
	10:00 am	\$2.40	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.40
	11:00 am	\$2.40	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.80
	Noon	\$2.40	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.80
	1:00 pm	\$2.80	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.80
	2:00 pm	\$2.80	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.80
	3:00 pm	\$2.80	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.40	\$2.80
	4:00 pm	\$2.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.40	\$2.95
	5:00 pm	\$2.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.40	\$2.95
	6:00 pm	\$2.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$2.90	\$2.40
	7:00 pm	\$2.40	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.95	\$1.95
	8:00 pm	\$2.40	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	9:00 pm	\$2.40	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	10:00 pm	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
	11:00 pm	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25