



# Q&A STATE ROUTE 91/ HOV PROJECT

## WHAT IS THE SR-91 HOV PROJECT?

In order to improve mobility through the downtown Riverside area, Caltrans, in partnership with the Riverside County Transportation Commission, is currently preparing to construct one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane, also called a carpool lane, in each direction of State Route 91 (SR-91) from Adams Street to the 60/91/215 interchange in the City of Riverside.

The SR-91 is a primary truck and commuter route and carries approximately 170,000 vehicles per day within the project area on the existing three lanes in each direction. The route is often highly congested at current traffic levels. With Riverside County's population expected to reach 3.5 million by 2030, the vehicle pressure in this corridor will continue to increase. The improvements to the freeway through this widening project will help alleviate congestion through this hub.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$279 million and is funded by Measure A, Riverside County's half-cent sales tax for transportation; federal funds; and \$157 million of Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds, the state Proposition 1B funding.

## WHAT ARE THE PROJECT BENEFITS?

The SR-91 freeway can be considered Riverside's Main Street and serves as the City of Riverside's primary freeway connection to communities including Corona, San Bernardino, and the entire inland region. Over the past few years, significant Measure A investments have been made to improve the 91 with the reconstruction of the 60/91/215 interchange in Downtown Riverside and the widening of the freeway from Adams Street to the Orange County Line.

One section of the freeway that has yet to be widened is the 6-mile segment between Adams Street and the 60/91/215 interchange. The addition of a carpool lane through this area will provide HOV continuity, improve traffic safety and improve the level of service of SR-91 through Riverside. Moreover, the widening of the freeway and its ensuing investment will lead to many other adjacent improvements including improved on and off-ramps at 14th Street and Arlington Avenue, relocating the 9th Street on ramp to 10th Street, and the replacement of a number of bridges that cross the freeway such as 14th Street, Cridge Street, and Ivy Street. The overall result will be a state-of-the-art transportation facility that serves motorists by adding capacity while easing access to and from the community which better serves businesses, employers and local residents. The project anticipates creating an estimated 5,000 jobs during its construction.

## CONSTRUCTION SAFETY: OUR TOP PRIORITY

The safety of construction crews, area motorists and pedestrians is the highest priority of this project. Please follow these safety tips near the 91 construction zone:

- Slow down and watch for construction workers and heavy equipment.
- Allow extra time to get to work, school or appointments.
- Tell friends or customers coming to your home or business about construction work.
- Be extra careful when driving at night and in rainy weather.
- Immediately report to the police any suspicious activity or children playing in construction staging areas.
- Avoid using your mobile phone or other distractions when driving through this area.
- Watch for ramp closures and use alternate routes.
- Be patient. Please remember that this is a temporary inconvenience for a long-term solution to traffic congestion.



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