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#### **“91 Steer Clear” weekend work progressing on schedule**

After 17 hours into the full closure of the 91 in Corona, crews are continuing to make good progress on three separate, simultaneous operations under way on the closed roadway, according to the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

All operations remain on schedule, said RCTC Executive Director Anne Mayer. “We are really pleased with the progress that has been made so far, but we still have a lot of work to complete. Drivers are steering clear of the region, and traffic is flowing through the region,” she said.

Crews working to demolish the west half of the Maple Street bridge now have removed and hauled away about 1,000 tons of concrete, nearly half of the 2,200 tons to be removed.

A second crew working to install support beams for the new westbound Maple Street on-ramp flyover bridge has placed 25 of the 29 “Super Beams” over the westbound lanes. These steel I-beams measure 120 feet long by 3 feet wide. Crews also have completed placing about 10 percent of the smaller beams on top of the newly placed Super Beams, and are continuing to build the wooden framework for the new structure. Later this afternoon, crews will begin placing the Super Beams over the eastbound lanes.

The third crew that is repaving a section of the eastbound 91 near Interstate 15 also is making strong headway. Workers are installing fabric to stabilize the embankment and are preparing to place aggregate subbase material to form the next layer of pavement.

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The 91 Project team is monitoring traffic via the City of Corona's Traffic Management Center and by driver patrols that are on duty now. Some traffic congestion is occurring on eastbound 60 between the 15 and 57. Drivers also are experiencing some delays on southbound 71 to westbound 91.

Mayer reminded motorists to plan ahead, avoid the area and stay home. Drivers should avoid the 91, 71 and I-15 near Corona and to use alternate routes to bypass the closure area. Options include the 57, 60, 10, 210, 215 or 605. Motorists can follow "sr91project" updates on social media, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and can visit the project website, [sr91project.info](http://sr91project.info).

Metrolink ridership on trains passing through the closure area this morning showed an increase of about 12 percent over the same weekend a year ago. A total of 914 passengers were on board the first four trains this morning. Metrolink's regular weekend service offers two round trips on both the 91 Line and Inland Empire Orange County Line. Today and tomorrow, Metrolink and RCTC are funding two additional round trips on each line, for a total of 16 trains per day, plus offering a "2 for the price of 1" promotion.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission's 91 Project is adding regular lanes, tolled express lanes, auxiliary lanes and direct express connectors from the northbound 15 to the westbound 91 and from the eastbound 91 to the southbound 15. Improvements to interchanges, ramps, lanes and surface streets also will be made along the 91 between the Riverside County/Orange County Line in Corona and Pierce Street in Riverside. The new lanes are expected to open in 2017.

For more information, visit [sr91project.info](http://sr91project.info), call the helpline at 877-770-9191 or email [sr91project@rctc.org](mailto:sr91project@rctc.org).

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