



91 PROJECT UPDATE

Riverside County Transportation Commission

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We Hear You!

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Growing Need

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- 91 is primary **east-west** route
- 280,000 vehicles daily, 140,000 more by 2035 (**50% increase**)
- Afternoon eastbound delays in **top 8** in nation – takes 57 mins to travel 21 miles





Multiple Benefits

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- Fewer traffic **delays**
- **Choice** between lanes
- Faster **emergency** response
- Reduced air **pollution**
- Improved surface streets, **connectivity**
- Creating **16,200 jobs**





Milestone Dates

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- **May 2013:** Awarded design-build contract
- **July 2013:** Secured funding, closed bond sale
- **Dec. 2013:** Held groundbreaking
- **July 2014:** Full construction began
- **2017:** Projected date for lanes to open





New Lanes; Tolling Access

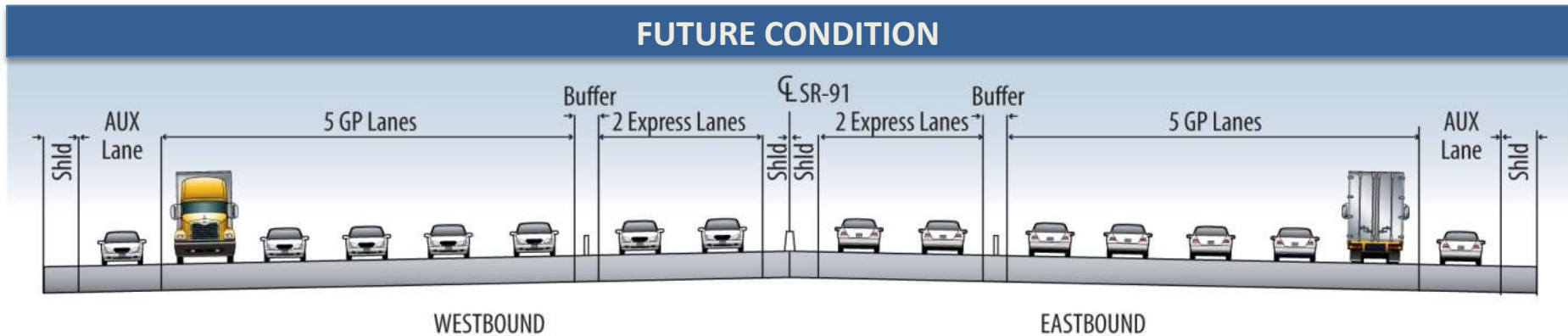
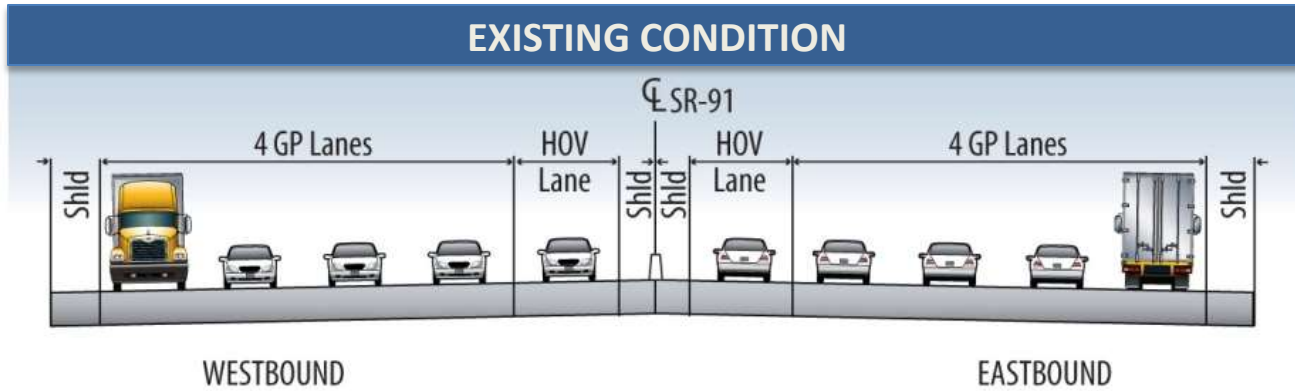
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Existing/Future Conditions

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By the Numbers

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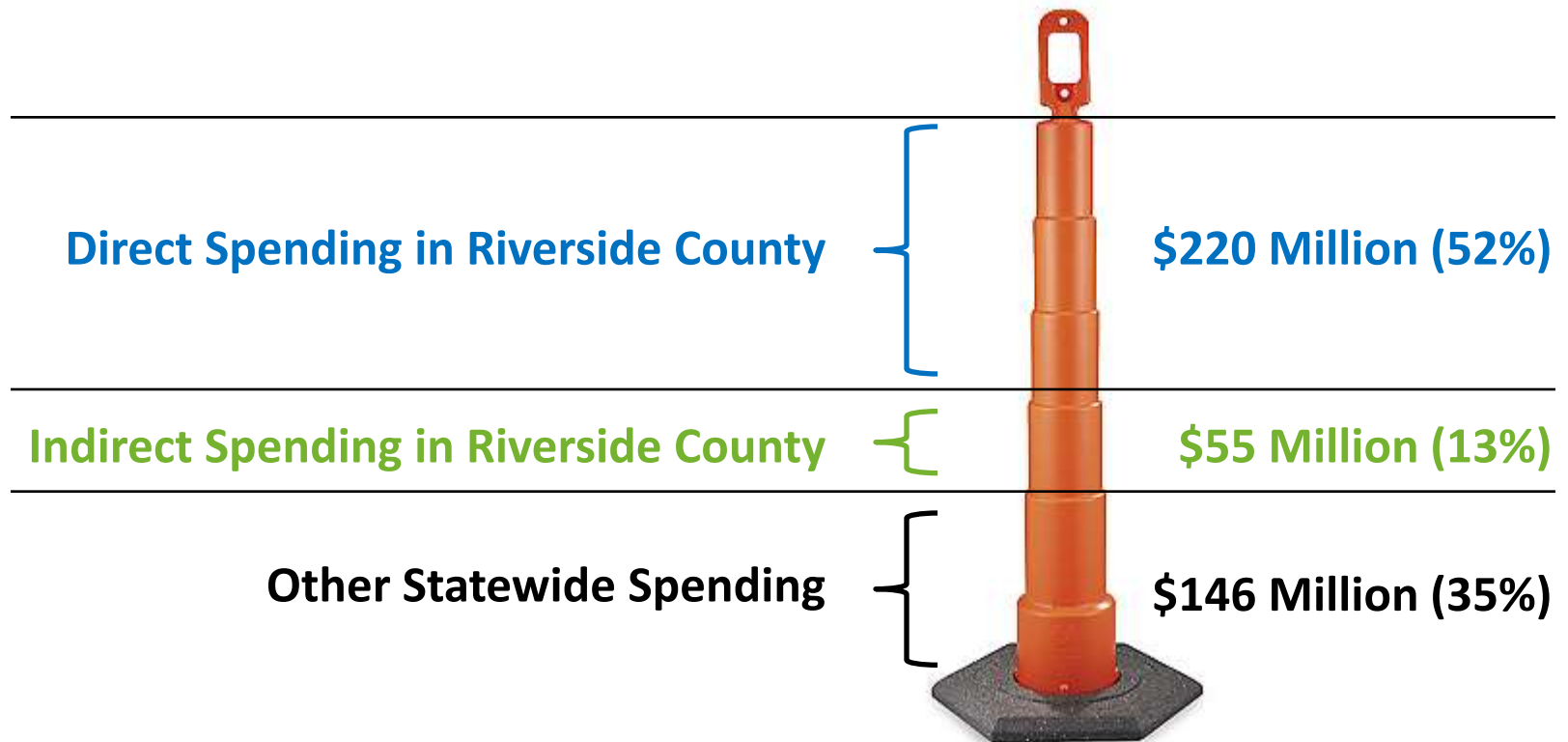
- Building 11 **new bridges**
- Widening 21 **existing bridges**
- Improving 6 **interchanges** and 22 **intersections**
- Building 95 **retaining walls** (1 million square feet)
- Building 287,000 square feet of **sound walls**
- Pouring 210,000 cubic yards of **pavement**
- Adding 90,000 linear feet of new **drainage**
- Relocating 92 full **utility systems**



Economic Output

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\$421 Million/Year in Economic Output:





Express Lanes, Transponders

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- Extend **proven** OC 91 Express Lanes; RCTC to own/operate in Riverside County
- **Seamless transition** between counties – single transponder, same account structure, fee schedule, customer service, special access policies
- Replace carpool lanes; carpoolers with 3+ and transponder ride free **94% of time**
- Without **toll revenue**, full widening would not be possible





Recent Activity

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- Work near railroad bridges near **15/91 Interchange, Green River**
- **Sound wall** removals
- Roadway **excavation**
- **Drainage** improvements
- **Utility** relocation

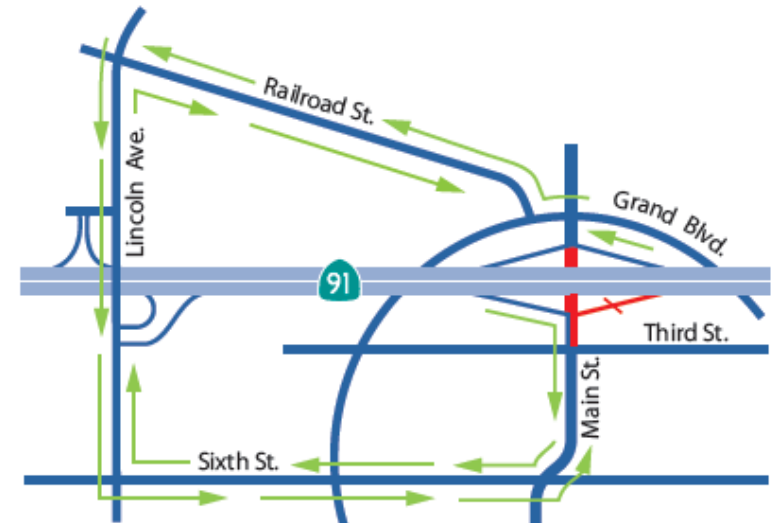




Upcoming Activity

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- Demolition of Main Street bridge; **full closure**, Nov. 14-16
- Demolition of **Buena Vista bridge**, December
- Main Street bridge reconstruction; **full closure of eastbound on-ramp, westbound off-ramp**, starting early 2015





Upcoming Activity

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- Construction of **new bridges, ramps, retaining walls**
- Removal, reconstruction of **sound walls**
- Continued **excavation**
- Realignment/improvements to **local streets**



What to Expect

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- **Periodic** lane closures, ramp closures, street closures
- Some **full freeway closures** during bridge demolition and falsework placement
- Ramp and street **detours**
- **Daytime, nighttime** work
- **Noise** from equipment, pile driving
- Changes to **driveway access** to businesses





Care in Construction

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- **Most lane closures limited to off-peak hours**
- **Extended** hours: Freeway Service Patrol tow trucks
- Advanced **signage**
- Construction **Alerts**
- **Social media** postings
- Scheduled **trash clean-up**





Business Support Program

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- Initial meeting in September; **forum for businesses** to ask questions, seek solutions
- **Businesses Open During Construction** signage, other way-finding signs
- **Shop 91: Shop Local** program
- Spotlight businesses in **publications, social media**





Safety: RCTC's Top Priority

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- **Slow down!** Watch for **workers, equipment**
- Allow **extra travel time**
- Be extra careful **at night** or in rain
- Watch for **changing conditions**
- Use alternate routes; follow **detours**
- **Move Over Law**
- **Be patient**



BE ALERT, OUR MOM'S AT WORK.





The Metrolink Advantage

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- Leave construction behind by taking **Metrolink**
- **91 Line:** Operates M-F – Runs next to 91 through Riverside and OC, then heads to LA Union Station. Weekend service started July 5
- **IEOC Line:** Operates 7 days per week – San Bernardino, Riverside, Corona, 9 OC cities
- Visit **metrolinktrains.com** for schedules, fares





Current Opportunities

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Contractor is seeking **qualified subcontractors, suppliers, certified disadvantaged businesses:**

- Fuel suppliers
- Miscellaneous iron, steel
- Permanent signs
- Precast girders

- DBEs: dbeopp@atkinsonwalshjv.com
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