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“91 Steer Clear” work effort continuing as planned; 91 full closure to remain in effect until Monday at 4 am

Crews are continuing to make strong progress on the three construction operations under way on the closed section of the 91 in Corona, the Riverside County Transportation Commission reported.

“As we approach the end of the first full day of our ‘91 Steer Clear’ effort, we are very pleased at the amount of work that has been completed and that motorists have followed our advice to avoid the area,” said RCTC Executive Director Anne Mayer.

Crews demolishing the west half of the Maple Street Bridge have completed and removed close to 1,800 tons of concrete, about 80 percent of the 2,200 tons being removed. Work now is focusing on demolition of the center section of the bridge and the bridge abutments.

A second crew installing support beams for the new westbound Maple Street on-ramp flyover bridge has placed all 29 of the “Super Beams” over the westbound lanes. The crew also has completed placing about 20 percent of the smaller beams on top of the new Super Beams and is continuing to build the wooden framework for the new structure. This afternoon, crews began placing the Super Beams over the eastbound lanes and have placed four of the 19 beams needed.

The third crew, which is constructing a new section of the eastbound 91 lanes near Interstate 15, has nearly completed placing the aggregate subbase material and will begin paving later tonight.

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Other work is occurring throughout the project limits while the lanes are closed, including paving of the eastbound Main Street off-ramp, overlaying the surface of the bridge deck near Grand Boulevard, repairing potholes, sweeping the roadway and picking up debris.

The 91 Project team has been monitoring traffic throughout the day at the City of Corona’s Traffic Management Center and through reports from driver patrols that were on duty today. Some traffic congestion has been experienced this afternoon on eastbound 91, with travel times between the 55 and 71 showing about a 14-minute delay.

On local Corona streets, moderate traffic congestion is occurring on surface streets, so crews are placing additional signs and stationing traffic directors at affected intersections.

As work continues tonight and Sunday, motorists are reminded to plan ahead, avoid the area or stay home. Drivers should continue to avoid the 91, 71 and I-15 near Corona and use alternate routes to bypass the closure. 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.

Metrolink ridership on regularly-scheduled trains passing through the closure area today showed an 11 percent increase over the same time period a year ago. Metrolink’s regular weekend service offers two round trips on both the 91 Line and Inland Empire Orange County Line. This weekend, 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, call the helpline at 877-770-9191 or email sr91project@rctc.org.

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