



91 PROJECT UPDATE

Riverside County Transportation Commission

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Project Need

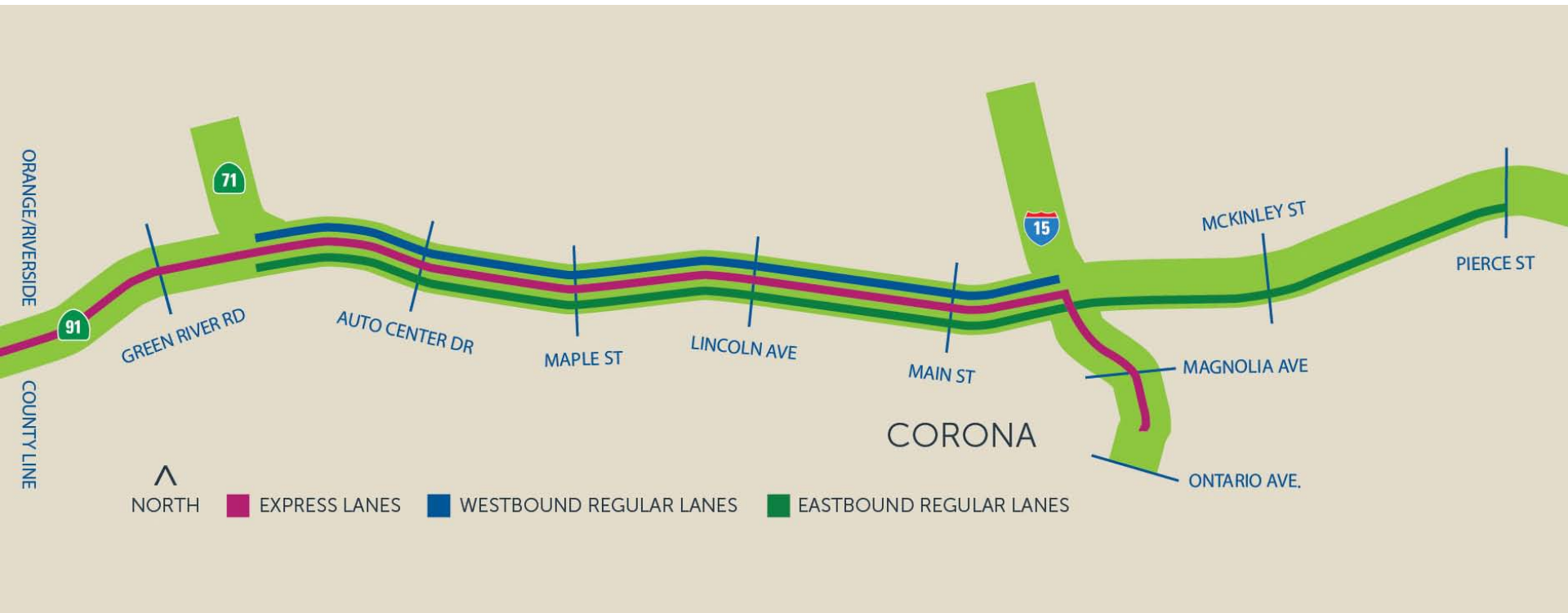


- 91 is primary east-west route
- 280,000 vehicles daily, 140,000 more by 2035
- Afternoon eastbound delays in top five of nation – speeds drop below 15 MPH



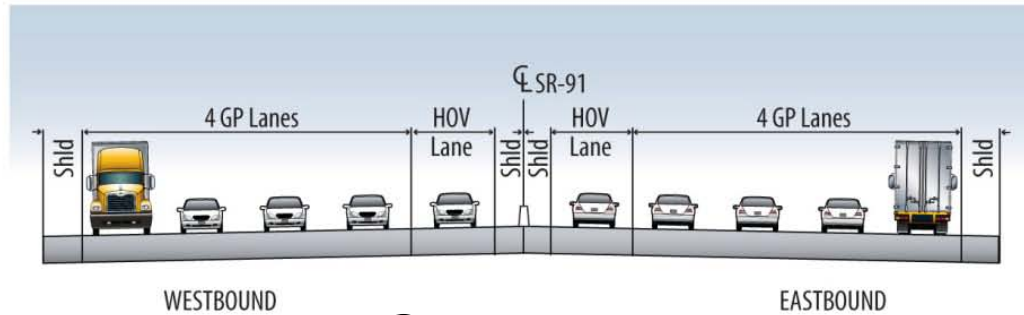


Project Limits

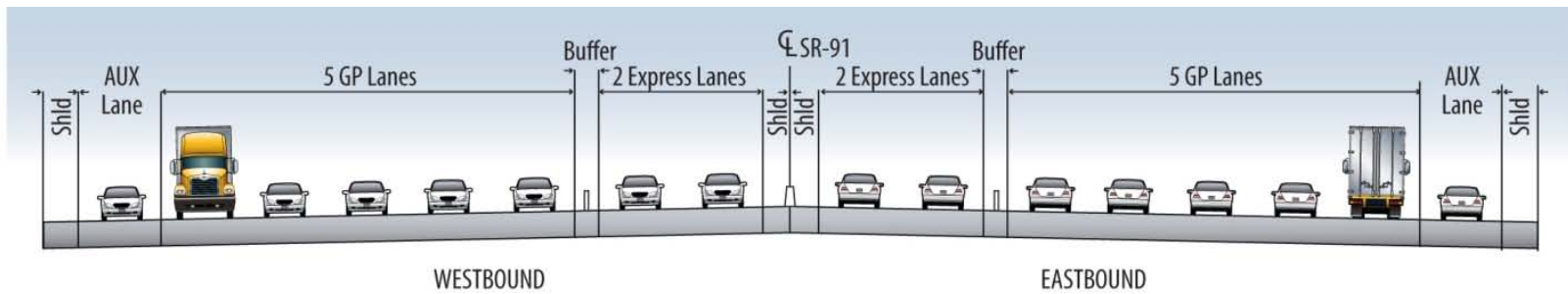




New Lanes



Current



Future



Project Benefits



- Fewer traffic delays
- Faster emergency response
- Less local street congestion
- Reduced air pollution





Local Investment



- 16,200 jobs (4,600 for construction/support)
- Economic boost from new workers
- Improved access – Green River, 71, Auto Center, Maple, Lincoln, Main, I-15 interchanges



Transit-Trail Connections



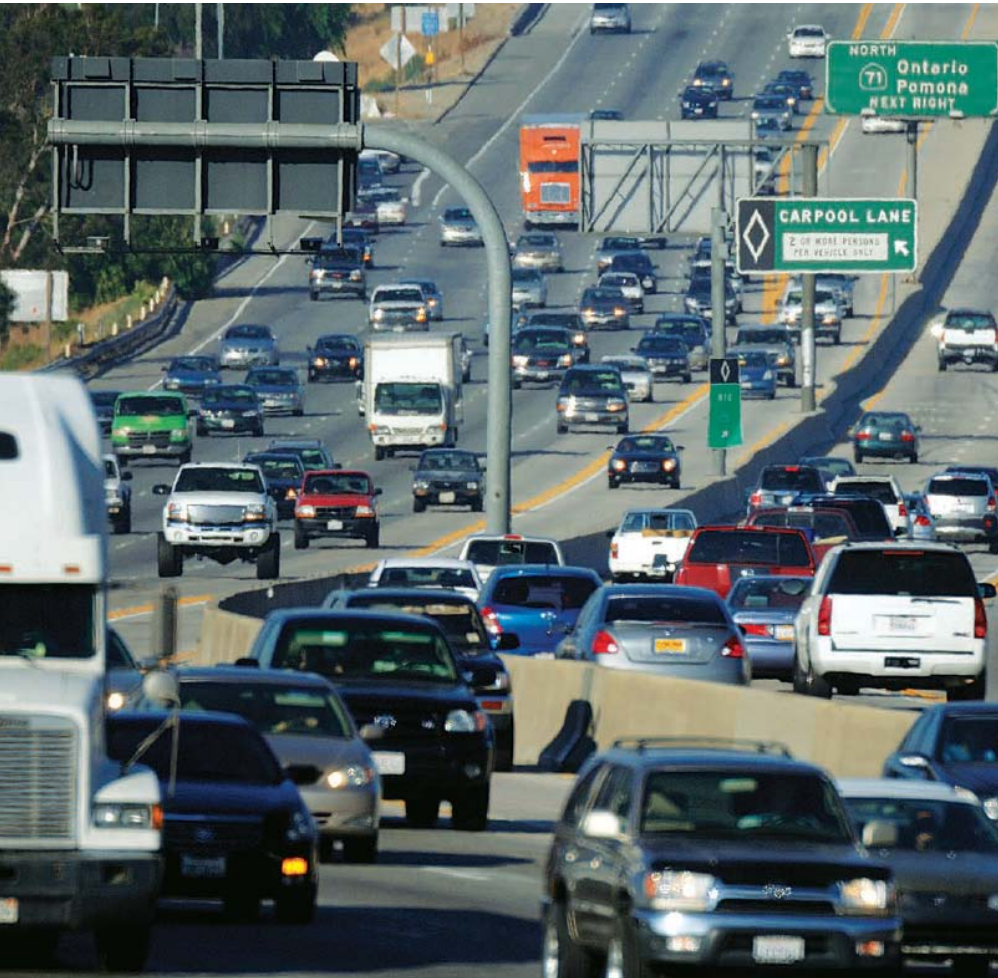
- Metrolink passenger rail
- Park & Ride network
- RTA-OCTA express buses
- Santa Ana River Trail

Drivers encouraged to take Metrolink during construction





Fast Forward



- Environmental process completed, Nov. 2012
- Design-build contract awarded May 2013
- Financial plan approved, \$1.3 billion
- Secured \$421 million TIFIA loan and sold \$638 million in bonds, July 2013



Tolled Express Lanes



- Extend nationally proven 91 Express Lanes from Orange County – seamless transition
- RCTC to own/operate in Riverside County
- Choice: faster, travel time certainty
- Replace carpool lanes; carpoolers with 3+ and transponder ride free 94% of time
- 64% of transponder owners live in Inland Empire





Design-Build Method



- Innovative: Allows concurrent design, construction
- Will save 3-4 years over design-bid-build approach



- Pre-construction work starting this summer
- Full construction to start in early **2014**
- New lanes planned to open **2017**



91/71 Interchange

- New two-lane direct connector from eastbound 91 to northbound 91, replacing existing loop ramp
- New eastbound road to improve access between Green River Road interchange and 91/71 interchange





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