

SAFETY // Frequently Asked Questions



FAST FORWARD

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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FAQ

1. Why are speeds reduced to 55 MPH on the 91 and I-15 in this area?

Speeds in the project area are reduced to 55 MPH for the safety of workers and motorists. Lower speeds create safer working conditions for crew members, who work very close to roadway traffic. Reduced speeds also help drivers adjust to changes in lane, ramp and shoulder conditions during construction. Please watch for speed limit signs and remind others that speeds are reduced in the 91 Project area.

2. Are traffic fines increased in the 91 Project construction zone?

Yes. In California, traffic fines are doubled in construction zones. Driving conditions along the 91 Project construction zone can change from one day to the next. Please drive safely, stay alert and obey posted speed limits and driving laws at all times.

3. When can drivers expect to see lane and ramp closures?

While construction activity can take place seven days a week, 24 hours a day, motorists should anticipate intermittent lane closures from 8 pm to 4:30 am Monday through Thursday and 11:30 pm to 5:30 pm on Friday in the eastbound and southbound directions and from 9 pm to 5:30 am Monday through Thursday and 10 pm to 6:30 am on Friday in the westbound and northbound directions. Ongoing and intermittent lane, ramp and street closures, as well as some long-term road closures, are expected. Unless absolutely necessary, consecutive ramps will not be closed at the same time.

4. How can I find out in advance of any closures?

Construction Alerts are issued via email and posted to the project website (sr91project.info) to advise drivers of closures and detours. Closure signs also are placed in advance of ramps to remind motorists of ongoing, periodic ramp closures. Motorists also can call the project helpline, 877-770-9191, to request the latest information about construction closures and related detours. Information also is posted to the 91 Project Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Another resource is IE511, which is part of a nationwide network of traveler information systems. By going to IE511.org or calling 511, travelers can learn about closures, receive real-time traffic updates and get the latest information about Sig Alerts or other roadway incidents.

5. What is K-Rail?

K-Rail is a concrete or plastic barrier used to separate lanes of traffic and protect construction workers, pedestrians and drivers during construction. For the 91 Project, K-Rail is placed along the roadway shoulders throughout the project area to provide a safe work area for construction crews.

Please note that the use of K-rail may result in narrower lanes along the 91 and 15. Drivers should be alert to these narrow lane conditions and watch for oversized vehicles.

6. What is the "Move Over" Law?

The "Move Over" Law requires motorists to slow down, watch for highway workers and safely move over a lane when they see flashing amber lights on vehicles operated by Caltrans,



construction crews, law enforcement, emergency medical services, tow

trucks and other emergency responders. If it is not possible to move over a lane, drivers should slow down and be aware of these vehicles.

7. What safety precautions are required for construction workers?

Construction workers are required to follow federal safety and health laws. Crew members must wear Personal Protective Equipment (including hard hats and safety vests) and follow Personal Fall Protection standards, in which they are harnessed to a stable structure to prevent injuries from a possible fall. In addition to other safety regulations, only qualified, trained, experienced workers are allowed to operate construction equipment and machinery.



8. What should I do if my vehicle breaks down in the construction zone?

As part of the 91 Project, Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) tow trucks will have extended hours to help motorists in need. These specially marked tow trucks roam the 91 to quickly assist stalled vehicles by jump-starting batteries, providing fuel and fluids, changing flat tires and performing other minor repairs. They also can tow cars to CHP-approved locations off the roadway.



Please note that stalled motorists cannot call the FSP to request roadside help. FSP drivers roam small sections of the 91, so help should be on the way very quickly.

If your vehicle breaks down on the 91, never cross lanes to find help. Instead, pull over to the right shoulder, stay in your car, turn on your hazard lights and wait for the FSP or CHP. All FSP trucks are white and display the FSP logo. Drivers wear blue uniforms and safety vests with the same logo. All FSP drivers wear an ID badge on their shirts and are certified by the CHP.

9. What other precautions should I take when driving through the 91 Project area?

- Be patient and expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Slow down and watch for workers and heavy equipment
- Be extra careful when driving at night and in rainy and windy weather.
- Avoid mobile phone use or other distractions when driving through the construction zone.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge to other lanes when directed.
- Watch for lane and ramp closures, use alternate routes and follow detours.
- Some roadway bridges will be demolished. Please stay clear of these construction areas.
- Do not climb or enter areas where crews are working or materials and equipment are stored.
- At times, pedestrian and cyclist access may be restricted. Follow signs and do not enter areas that are closed to walkers and riders.
- Tell Friends or customers about construction activity.
- Remember, this is a short-term inconvenience for a long-term traffic solution.