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91 Project to Mark Safety Week with Emergency Drills, May 4-5

The Riverside County Transportation Commission's 91 Project in Corona will commemorate the construction industry's Safety Week with two drills for fire safety personnel May 4-5 on top of the tolled express lane connector that is under construction between the 91 and Interstate 15.

The drills will take place from 9 am to noon both days and will include representatives from the 91 Project team and the Corona Fire Department. Coordinated by Atkinson/Walsh Joint Venture, the drills will feature a simulated crisis to help emergency responders be prepared, should an actual crisis occur.

"Safety is the Riverside County Transportation Commission's highest priority for the 91 Project and all of our projects," said Executive Director Anne Mayer. "Being prepared is paramount for our team. We welcome this opportunity to collaborate with Corona Fire Department during Safety Week and at all times," she said.

In conjunction with Safety Week, which is May 2-6, the 91 Project is reminding motorists of the need to drive carefully throughout the construction area. The team will use social media to promote safety messages, in partnership with the project's public safety agencies. Motorists are asked to:

- Slow down. Speed limits within the project limits are 55 miles per hour, and fines are doubled in construction zones.
- Watch for changing conditions and follow detour signs
- Watch for workers and equipment
- Allow extra travel time

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- Be extra careful when driving at night or in the rain
- Follow the "Move Over" Law, which requires motorists to shift a lane away from the shoulder, when emergency responders or tow trucks are present
- Avoid blocking intersections, which could impede the travel of emergency personnel.
- Don't "jump the queue" and merge safely when entering the highway.
- Leave plenty of space between you and the vehicle in front of you.

The 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 or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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