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Partial Collapse of E. Grand Boulevard On-Ramp Bridge in Corona Injures Nine Workers

On Friday, October 9, 2015 at about 11 p.m. during a bridge lowering operation, workers were in the process of placing the new bridge deck into position when the temporary support beams under the future 91 eastbound bridge widening over East Grand Boulevard Bridge collapsed, causing injury to nine workers. All injured workers are affiliated with the prime contractor Atkinson Walsh Construction Joint Venture.

Of the nine injured workers, one was released and three are in critical condition. The Riverside County Transportation Commission and the project team's thoughts and prayers are with the injured workers and their families and ask that their privacy be respected. Project officials are continuing to monitor the condition of the construction workers.

Currently the bridge is seated in the proper position and inspections of the bridge have been made by the project structural engineering team. The East Grand Boulevard roadway is being cleared, with the goal of restoring traffic on the roadway between Third Street and Joy Street as soon as possible. California Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was on scene and has initiated its investigation. There was no impact to the existing State Route 91 highway.

Additional updates regarding the condition of the workers and reopening of the roadway will be released as information becomes available. For general information about the 91 Project, go to sr91project.info.

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