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FAST FORWARD

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



1. Does the 91 Project feature aesthetics and landscaping?

Yes. The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) developed the Project Aesthetics and Landscaping Master Plan (PALM), which includes thematic concepts approved by the Corona City Council in December 2013, following public input. The PALM serves as a blueprint for the design team to ensure these elements are incorporated into project structures and landscaping. When completed, the 91 Project will not only improve mobility, but also beautify the region.

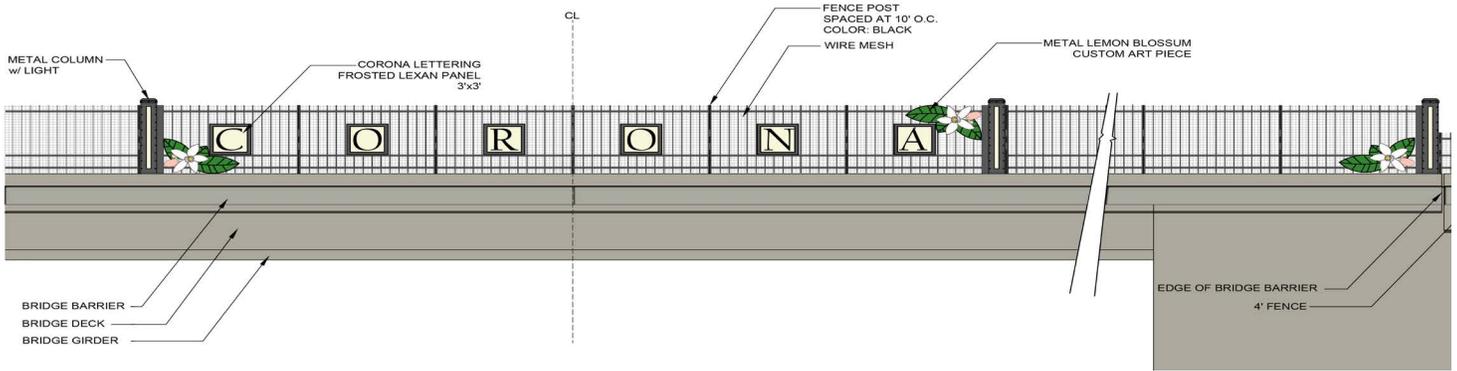
2. Why is it important to have a “thematic concept”?

Highways like the 91, in today’s culture, serve as a modern-day “Main Street USA,” which allows for community identification and recognition. The 91 is used daily for business or personal trips by many Corona residents, who view the roadway as one of the defining characteristics of their city. Many commuters and regional travelers capture their first glimpse of Corona from the 91; this vantage point offers an opportunity for the city imprint its image on structures to help form an identity of the community to the traveling public.

3. How are the design elements unique to Corona?

The citrus industry is an important characteristic of Corona’s heritage. With this in mind, the PALM pays tribute to Corona’s history as the former “Lemon Capital of the World.” Design elements that are meaningful to Corona include a stand-alone art piece with a lemon and citrus blossom framed by double smooth bands. This piece is featured on walls and bridges throughout the project limits and will complement sound walls, which will be constructed of split-face masonry block. At city gateways, specifically at the Green River Road overpass to





the west and the Promenade overpass to the east, decorative fencing will be placed with lighted columns, the lemon art piece, and the city's name spelled out in illuminated letters.

4. Will landscaping use drought-tolerant plants?

Yes. Given California's severe drought, the PALM uses landscaping that will save water while not compromising the overall beautification goals of the project. Landscaping will feature a vibrant array of both native and adapted plants that require minimal water use. Bougainvillea, lantana, California sycamore, coyote brush and others will add color and texture to the landscaping palette. Additionally, skyline trees will be planted in selected areas. Vegetation will be irrigated with recycled water, further maximizing water resources and complying with statewide water conservation efforts.



5. How will the design plan help deter graffiti?

Graffiti prevention is an important aspect of the overall design strategy. Retaining walls and sound walls within the 91 Project limits will feature a heavily textured façade. As an additional measure, drought-tolerant trees, shrubs, and vines will be planted to act as a screen to wall structures. The combination of these measures will help deter graffiti while maintaining the aesthetic integrity of the project.

6. What lighting elements will be used on the 91 Project?

The pedestrian lighting style used at the Magnolia Avenue bridge on Interstate 15 will be adopted and implemented throughout the project area. Pedestrian lighting will be installed at new bridges, at newly widened bridges and at gateway bridges. Fixtures will feature an "Austin" cast aluminum pole with fluted shaft and factory finished black color and topped with the classic "Elm Street" head and globe.

