

91 Project Promotes Sustainability

RCTC recognizes the importance of implementing sustainable design and construction practices on transportation projects, including the 91 Project. RCTC developed a Sustainability Management Plan to serve the transportation needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations.



Crews clear trees in accordance with the Tree Preservation and Removal Plan.

Crews have been clearing trees along the 91 and on Interstate 15 to prepare for upcoming roadway activity. As part of its sustainability measures, RCTC is following a Tree Preservation and Removal Plan prepared by a certified arborist. Key plan elements include:

- Trees that are removed will be replaced as soon as major roadway improvements are completed in those areas.
- Most trees will be replaced at a ratio of 1.25 trees for every tree removed; oak trees will be replaced at a ratio of three trees for every tree removed.
- After trees are cut down, trunks and branches will be removed and taken to an off-site facility to be mulched, used as firewood, or milled for other uses. Many times trees can be recycled into lumber or paper pulp.

Motorists are reminded that it is unsafe and illegal to stop on the roadside to collect tree branches. The contractor also is unable to provide branches, trunks or other tree remnants to the public.

For more information about sustainability efforts, please visit the "Sustainability" section of the project website, sr91project.info.

Construction to Start near Santa Ana River Trailhead New Parking Lot to be Built for Trail Users



The Santa Ana River Trail is a popular destination for cyclists and other active groups.

As part of the 91 Project, a 23-foot retaining wall will be built near the Santa Ana River Trail (SART) entrance on Green River Road, followed by construction of a new, permanent parking lot for trail users.

During construction of the wall, which is anticipated to begin in fall 2014, access to the SART trailhead is expected to remain accessible, but the current parking area will be unavailable. A nearby, temporary parking area will be provided. Once the wall is completed, crews will build the permanent parking lot, which will feature approximately 50 parking stalls, a sidewalk and drinking fountain.



The 29-mile SART passes through 14 cities in Riverside County, Orange County and San Bernardino County.

The SART is a popular destination year-round for cyclists, runners, walkers, equestrians and other visitors. The project team will be in contact with SART user groups in Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino counties, including running and cycling clubs, bicycle retailers and other nearby businesses. For more information, use the "Contact Us" page of the project website, sr91project.info or call the project helpline, 877-770-9191.

Shop Local: Support Corona Businesses

In order to accommodate the wider roadway and reduce the need to purchase properties, crews will be reconfiguring driveways, redesigning parking lots and cutting and refacing building walls of businesses near the project corridor. The 91 Project team is meeting with selected property owners and tenants to explain planned construction activities near their businesses to help mitigate the effects on operations.



Businesses are open during construction: Support Corona and shop local!

Businesses will remain open during construction. Please support Corona and shop local!

As part of the 91 Project, a Business Support Program has been developed to assist local businesses with potential construction-related impacts, such as access, detours, noise and other possible concerns. The Business Support Program includes:

- One-on-one meetings with major businesses
- Presentations to employees
- Group meetings for businesses
- Business spotlights in 91 Project materials
- Promote "Shop Local" incentive program for project team members
- Issues mitigation

Please continue to support area businesses and remember, this is a short-term inconvenience for a long-term benefit. To learn more about the Business Support Program, use the "Contact Us" section of the project website, sr91project.info or call the helpline, 877-770-9191.

Metrolink: Full Speed Ahead

During construction and beyond, Metrolink is a great alternative to driving the 91. Metrolink offers two lines for Riverside County commuters:

- 91 Line: Runs roughly parallel to the 91 between Riverside and Los Angeles, Monday through Friday, with new weekend service that began July 5.
- Inland Empire Orange County Line: Offers service seven days per week from Riverside to Oceanside, including the popular "Beach Train," with weekend stops at the San Clemente Pier and other south Orange County destinations.

Metrolink's Weekend Day Pass is only \$10 and allows riders to hop aboard anytime, anywhere, systemwide on either Saturday or Sunday. For schedule and fare information, visit metrolinktrains.com.



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91 Project Makes it Easy to Stay Connected



91 Project mobile website is now available for smartphone users.

Smartphone users now have 91 Project information right at their fingertips with the launch of a new mobile website. When visiting the project website, www.sr91project.info, smartphones will automatically detect a simplified version of the site, which includes links to the latest Construction Alerts, Safety Tips, alternative commuting options and information about Tolerated Express Lanes. The site also offers links to provide feedback, call the helpline and connect to 91 Project social media. Smartphone users also can click to view the full website.

To learn more about ways to stay connected, please watch the "91 Seconds on the 91" video in the "Photo/Video Gallery" section of the project website, sr91project.info.



In the Community...

The project team is continuing to spread the word to the community about upcoming construction. Team members gave presentations, hosted an open house, held a pre-bid meeting for subcontractors and organized an emergency responders briefing. Highlights include:

- 91 Project Open House:** Close to 200 people attended the open house on June 19 to talk with project team members about upcoming construction, project benefits, safety, tolling and more. Weren't able to attend? Please visit the News & FAQs section of the project website, sr91project.info, to view exhibits from the open house.
- Emergency Responders Briefing:** 30 representatives from public safety and transit agencies attended a briefing on May 28 to learn about construction plans, closures and management of potential emergency situations during project construction.
- Presentations:** Team members visited the Corona Host Lions Club, Corona Norco Unified School District, The Inland Gateway Association of Realtors, Magnolia Center Exchange Club, Corona Chamber of Commerce and other groups to provide project updates and answer questions.
- Pre-Bid Meeting:** The project design-builder held a pre-bid meeting on May 23 for prospective subcontractors and disadvantaged business enterprises seeking work through the 91 Project. To inquire about work opportunities, go to the "Doing Business with RCTC" section of the project website, sr91project.info.
- Corona State of the City:** Team members staffed an informational booth at the Corona State of the City Business and Health Expo on March 13. More than 50 attendees stopped by the 91 Project booth to learn about the project and upcoming construction activities.

Project Partners:



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