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91 weekend closure work ahead of schedule; all lanes to open by 4 am

As the 91 Project nears the final stretch of its 55-hour weekend full closure in Corona, work is ahead of schedule and all lanes will open as planned by 4 am, the Riverside County Transportation Commission reported.

“Crews are continuing to work very hard on the three major work efforts that are under way,” said RCTC Executive Director Anne Mayer. “We are close to the finish line and are considering this weekend to be a huge success,” she said.

As of this afternoon:

- Crews completed the demolition of the west half of the bridge, removing and hauling away close to 2,200 tons of concrete. Today, crews finished the removal of the north abutment, which was the final portion of the structure.
- Yesterday, crews placed all 29 of the Super Beams over the westbound lanes, all 19 of the Super Beams over the eastbound lanes, and all of the smaller beams on top of the Super Beams for the new westbound Maple Street on-ramp flyover bridge. Today, workers completed setting stringers (longitudinal supports) between the bridge sections and will continue to construct the wooden framework for the new structure until about midnight tonight.
- Paving at the eastern end of the project limits near I-15 was completed at about 2 pm. Striping is scheduled to start during the next hour, followed by curing time.

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Connector ramps, on-ramps and off-ramps will begin reopening in the early morning hours on Monday, and all lanes and ramps will be open no later than 4 am.

Because of the excellent progress made this weekend on the new westbound Maple Street on-ramp flyover bridge, full closures of the eastbound 91 next week at night will not be needed, as previously expected. Intermittent nighttime rolling closures of selected lanes near Maple Street likely will be needed.

Traffic near the closure limits, on detour routes and within the City of Corona was lighter today than yesterday. The heaviest traffic congestion was reported on the 57. Some congestion on westbound 60 near the 57 also was noted today.

Metrolink operated extra trains this weekend on the 91 Line and the Inland Empire Orange County Line and offered a “2 for the price of 1” promotion. Ridership on regularly scheduled trains passing through Corona showed a 30 percent increase over the same weekend a year ago with 2,672 boardings yesterday and today.

Project workers used the roadway closure to perform a variety of maintenance activities, including pothole repair, lane restriping, K-rail painting, trash pick-up and sweeping. Restriping of lanes on Auto Center/Serfas Club also will occur later today. Twelve maintenance trucks and three sweeper trucks worked throughout the weekend.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission’s 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.

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