



# 91 PROJECT UPDATE

Riverside County Transportation Commission

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# Project Need

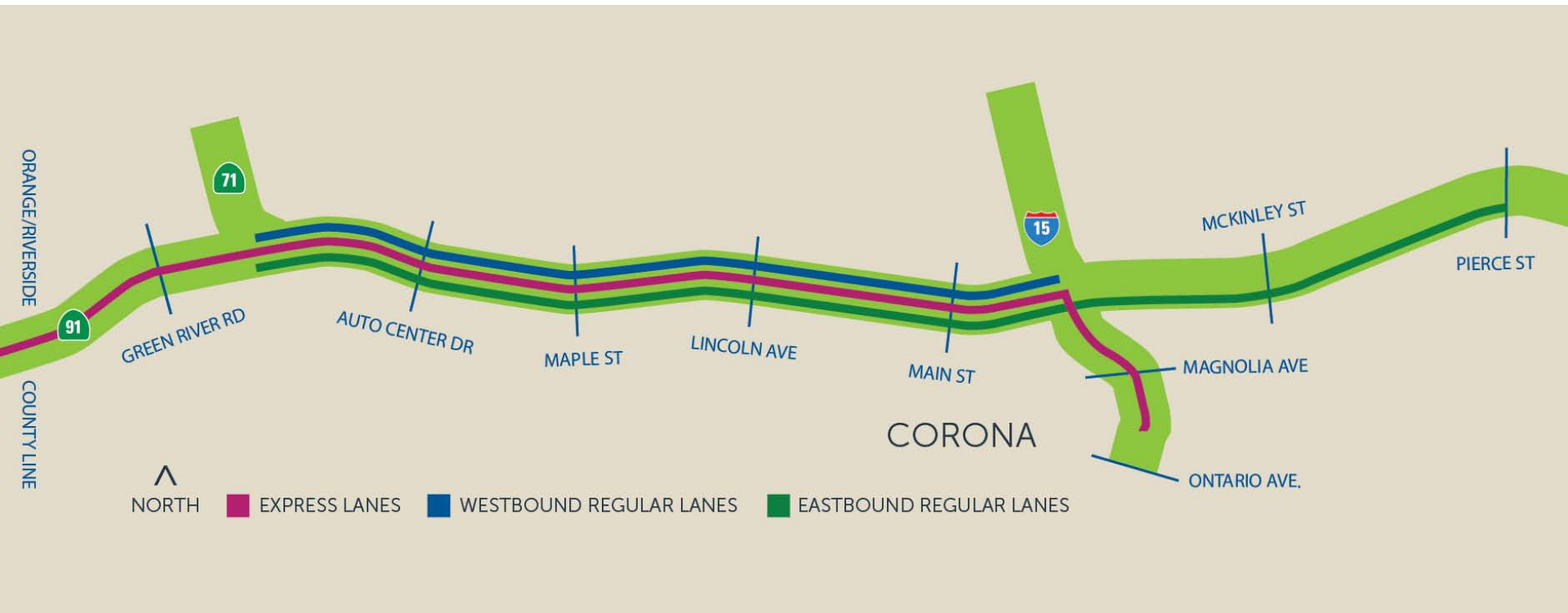


- 91 is primary east-west route
- 280,000 vehicles daily, 140,000 more by 2035
- Afternoon eastbound delays in top 5 of nation – speeds drop below 15 MPH



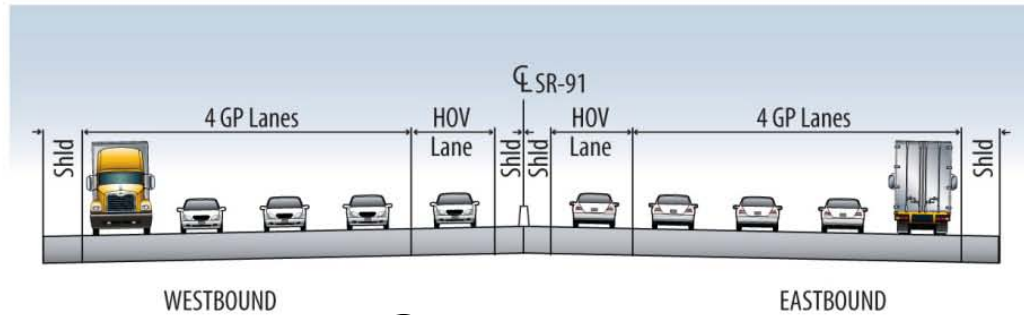


# Project Limits

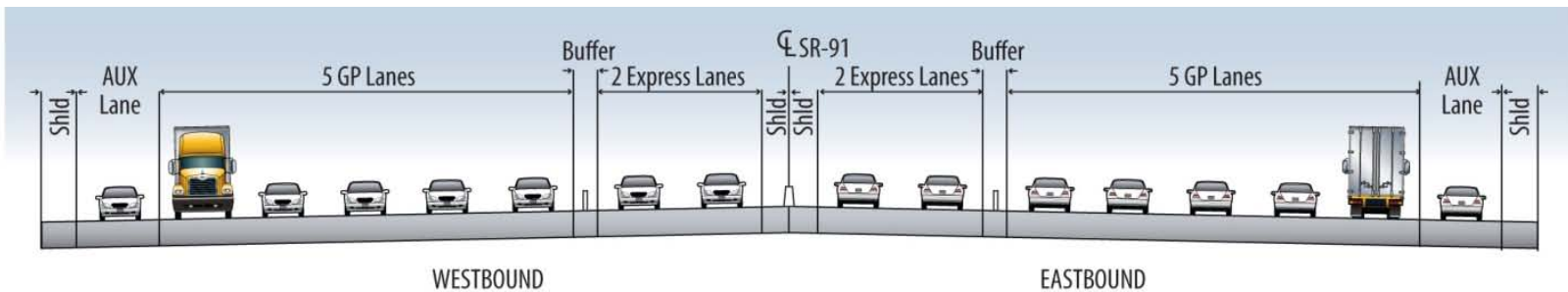




# New Lanes



## Current

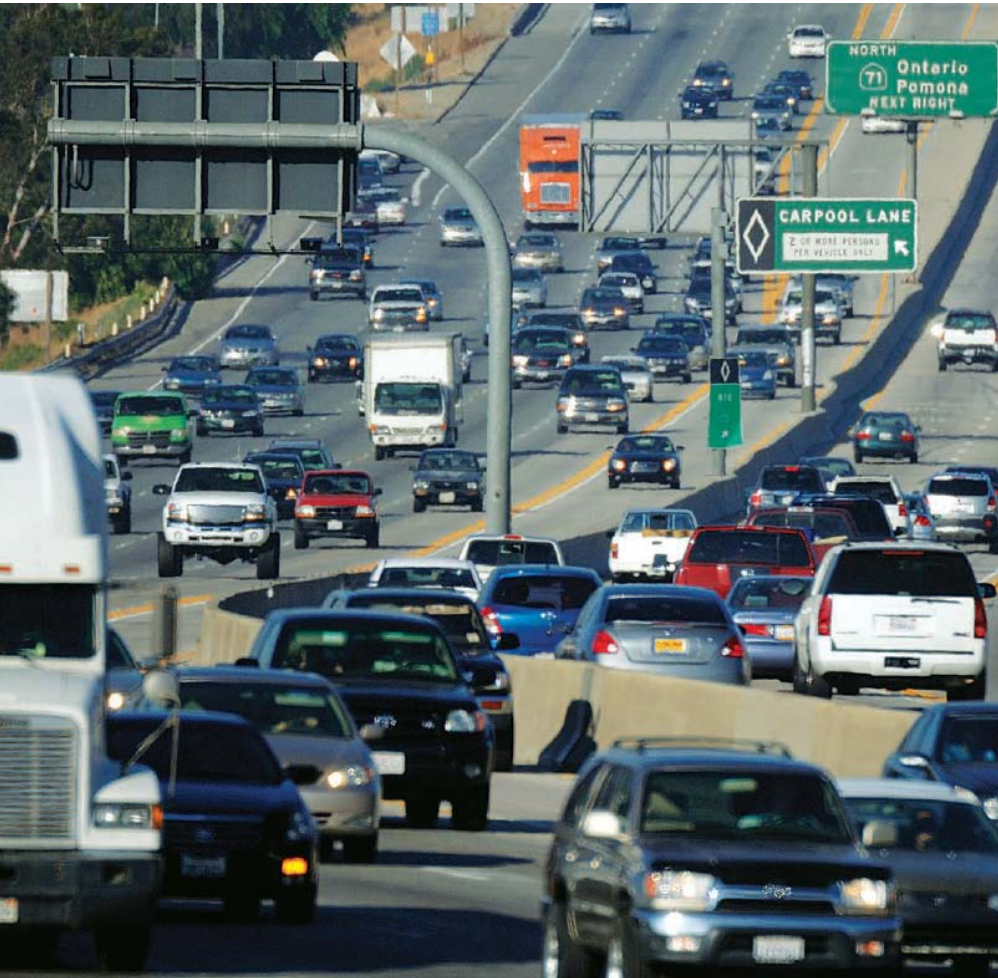


## Future





# Fast Forward



- Environmental process completed, Nov. 2012
- Design-build contract awarded May 8, 2013
- Financial plan approved, \$1.3 billion
- Secured \$421 million TIFIA loan and sold \$638 million in bonds, July 3, 2013



# Project Benefits



- Fewer traffic delays
- Faster emergency response
- Less local street congestion
- Reduced air pollution







# Project Benefits



- 16,200 jobs (4,600 for construction/support)
- Economic boost from new workers
- Local investment – improved infrastructure
- Improvements to Green River, Auto Center, Maple, Lincoln, Main Street, I-15



# Transit/Trail Connections



- Metrolink passenger rail
- Park & Ride network
- RTA-OCTA express buses
- Santa Ana River Trail

Encouraging drivers to take Metrolink during construction







# Express Lanes



- Extend nationally proven 91 Express Lanes from Orange County
- Choice: faster, reliable travel
- Replace carpool lanes; carpoolers with 3+ and transponder ride free 94% of time





# Express Lanes



- RCTC to own/operate in Riv Co.
- Seamless transition from OC Express Lanes – one transponder
- 64% of transponder owners live in IE; most in Corona, Riverside
- Revenue pays for new tolled lanes, part of new non-tolled roadway improvements
- Revenue must be reinvested in 91 corridor





# Design-Build Method



- Innovative: Allows concurrent design, construction
- Will save 3-4 years over design-bid-build approach



- Pre-construction work starting this summer
- Full construction to start in early 2014
- New lanes planned to open 2017





# Public Outreach



- Reaching out to corridor cities, OCTA, TCA, Caltrans
- Impact and benefits extend beyond Corona and Riverside
- Public Outreach Plan with Construction Alerts, website, business support, meetings, helpline, presentations, emergency responder coordination





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