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Partial Collapse of E. Grand Boulevard On-Ramp Bridge in Corona Injures 10 Workers

A partial collapse of a future State Route 91 on-ramp bridge that is being constructed at E. Grand Boulevard in Corona occurred at approximately 11 pm on October 9, injuring 10 construction workers on site.

All 10 workers were transported by ambulance to local hospitals by 11:55 pm, and project officials are monitoring word of their condition.

The workers had been lowering the future on-ramp bridge into place as part of the 91 Project, which is led by the Riverside County Transportation Commission. The jacking operation failed, causing the bridge deck to drop about 16 inches, striking the wooden support beams. The support beams hit workers, causing injuries.

The 91 roadway remains open, but E. Grand Boulevard is closed to motorists.

The 91 Project is adding regular lanes, tolled express lanes, auxiliary lanes and direct express lane 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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