

241/91 Express Connector

WORKING TO IMPROVE MOBILITY

Caltrans, in partnership with the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA), is proposing to add a connector from the State Route 241 Toll Road to 91 Freeway Express Lanes. The direct, median-to-median tolled connector would serve traffic in both directions to relieve traffic congestion, alleviate bottlenecks and improve traffic operations between Orange and Riverside Counties.

Motorists frequently experience traffic congestion on the northbound 241 Toll Road approaching the eastbound 91 freeway and research indicates that delays will likely increase. According to recent studies, nearly 40,000 motorists travel between Orange County and the Inland Empire during peak commute times. By 2040, that daily number is expected to rise to nearly 50,000 – an increase of 20 percent.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- » Enhance regional connectivity between two major toll systems
- » Improve air quality by reducing stop-and-go traffic in the area
- » Eliminate the need for cars to weave across multiple general purpose lanes to access the 91 Express Lanes
- » Alleviate congestion and backup by allowing 241 Toll Road users to bypass the existing eastbound 91 general purpose connector

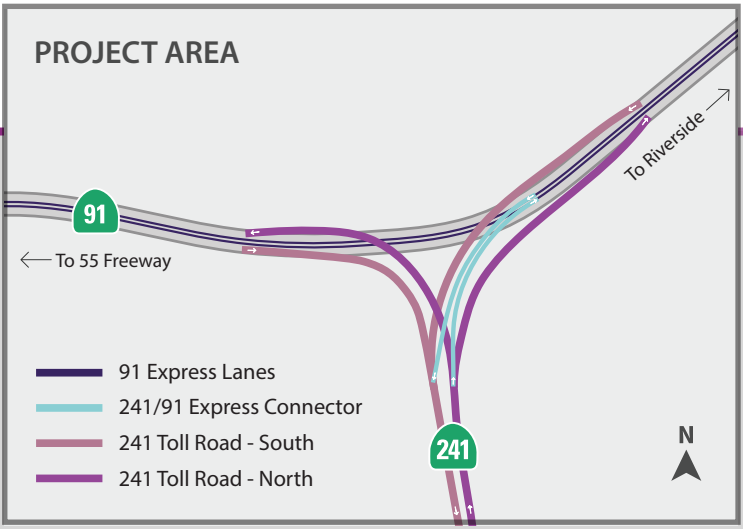
PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

As the lead agency, Caltrans is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/SEIS) for the project. The environmental review process is mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the environmental report is to identify the project's potential environmental impacts, and to develop measures to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate impacts. The report analyzes:

- » No Build/Baseline
- » Build a direct connector linking the 241 Toll Road to the 91 Express Lanes, in the north to east and west to south directions, by building two new structures, widening an existing structure and constructing retaining walls

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & NEXT STEPS

The public comment period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement was held from November 7, 2016 to January 9, 2017. Caltrans and TCA are reviewing and evaluating all comments received. Responses to these comments will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision (FEIS/ROD), which will be posted to the Caltrans project website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d12> and to the TCA project website: www.thetollroads.com/241-91Connector in approximately December 2017. In an effort to keep residents, businesses and community leaders informed, TCA will continue to meet with key groups, homeowner associations and businesses in the area throughout the life of the project.



SCHEDULE



Pending project approval; dates subject to change

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