

# Build a Better 91 for Orange County

## WESTBOUND AND EASTBOUND LANE WIDENING PROJECT

Beginning this August, workers will begin an \$84 million project that will add one general-purpose lane for six miles in each direction between the 55 and the 241.

Bottom line of this project is ... it gets people home to their family sooner.

### **Project Status**

- All existing traffic lanes shall be maintained during construction. Toll lane operation shall be unaffected.
- Construction will begin August 1, 2011 and completion is estimated to be September 2012. There will be 275 working days.
- Initial stage of construction will require various ramp closures on the EB direction from Route 55 to Route 241.
- WB direction from Weir Canyon Rd to Lakeview Avenue will have various full freeway closures to restripe and to set K rails. This work will be performed during the first one or two months of starting construction.
- During the initial staging to reconfigure the freeway striping and set k- rails, in both direction, will be closed at various times.

The project is funded by the State Transportation Improvement Program and the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account. The contractor is Sema Construction, Inc. of Lake Forest.

“OCTA is very pleased to see this project get under way and we are looking forward to bringing much-needed traffic relief to the hundreds of thousands of residents, commuters and visitors who travel this stretch of freeway every day,” said OCTA Chair Patricia Bates, also the fifth District Supervisor.

It will widen the bridge for Imperial Highway (SR-90) and the Weir Canyon Road undercrossing in both directions. On and off ramps will be reconstructed to accommodate the mainline widening, and soundwalls will be reconstructed. The results is to reduce heavy peak-hour traffic congestion and delays.