# 91 Express Lanes Shifting Patterns with Riverside County Transportation Commission Expansion

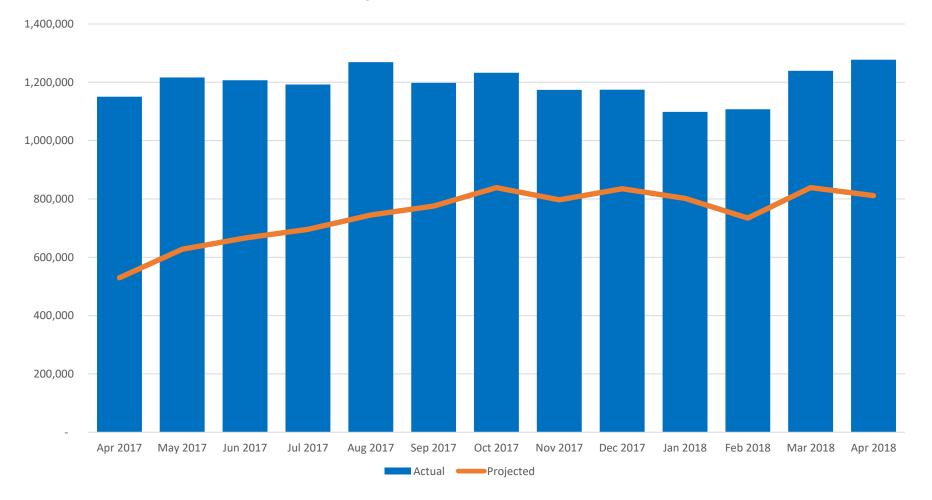


## Background

- 91 Express Lanes opens:
  - Orange County December 1995
  - Riverside County March 2017
- OCTA and RCTC split various operating costs and revenues
- Each agency is responsible for toll setting and violation enforcement
- Operational services are managed through a three-party agreement between OCTA, RCTC, and Cofiroute USA
- Since RCTC opening, 91 Express Lanes have exceeded projections in both counties

## **RCTC's Traffic Volumes Surpass Projections**

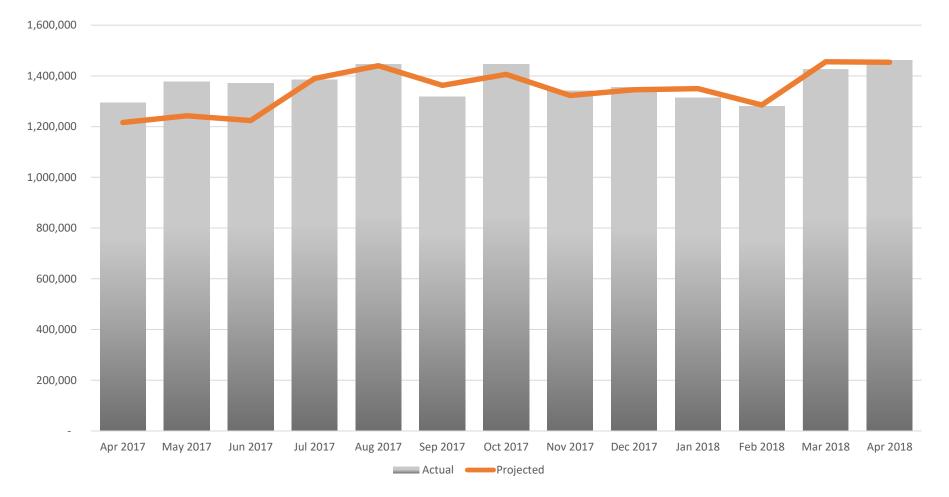
RCTC Monthly Traffic Volumes Projected Versus Actual



#### RCTC – Riverside County Transportation Commission

#### OCTA's Traffic Volumes also Increase

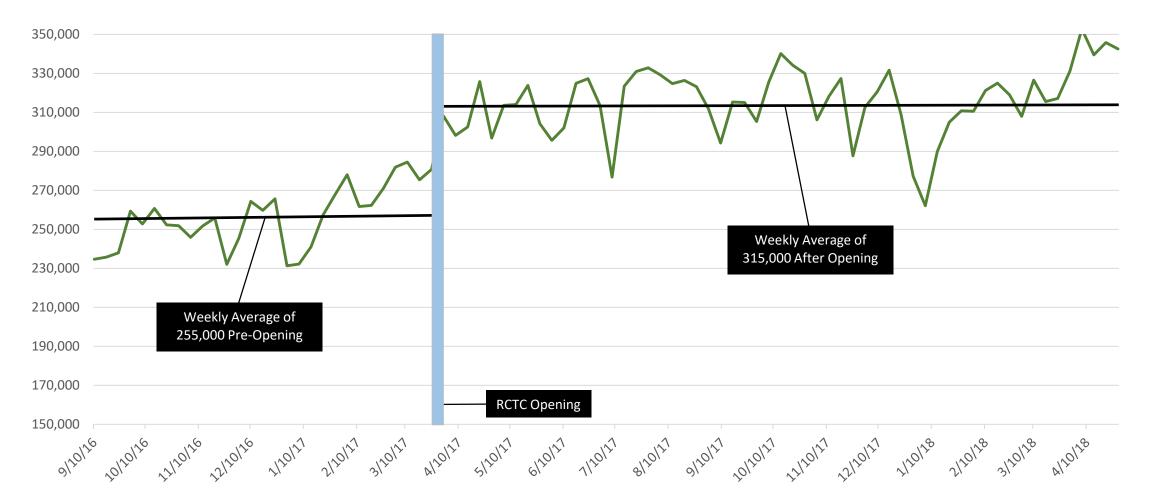
OCTA Monthly Traffic Volumes Projected Versus Actual



OCTA – Orange County Transportation Authority

## OCTA's Growth Occurs after RCTC Opening

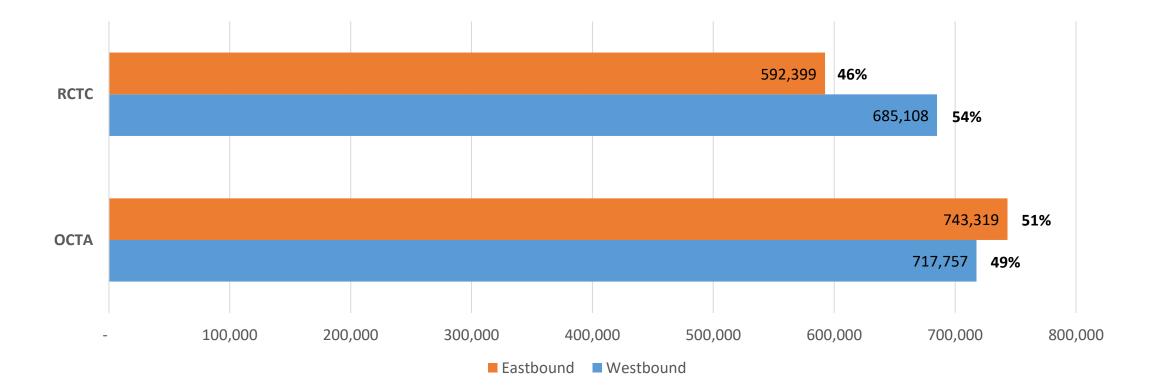
OCTA Weekly Traffic Volumes from September 2016 to April 2018



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### **Comparison Between Agencies**

April 2018 Traffic Volumes by Direction Per Agency



# Traffic Volume Change by Month/Direction

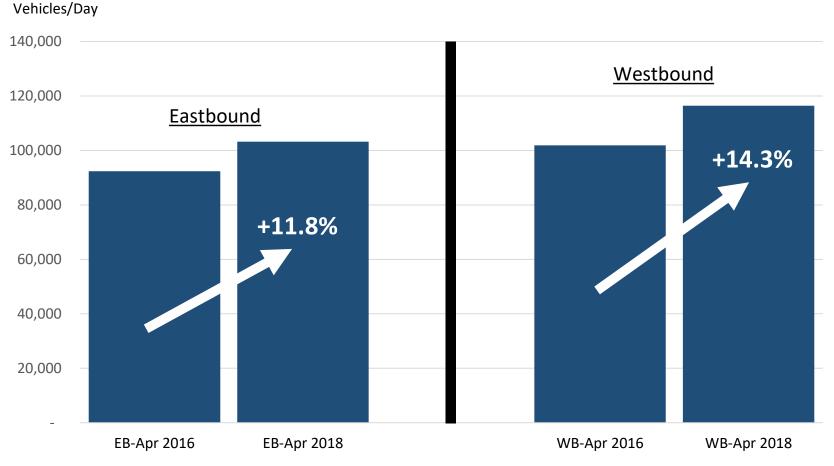
- Since RCTC opening, traffic volumes on OCTA's 91 Express Lanes have increased on average by 14.5% (excluding the gray shaded area)
- Majority of growth has occurred in the westbound direction (increase of 20.5%)
- Note: from September 2016 through December 2016 the pavement rehabilitation project required various weekend closures

| Traffic Volume Change From Prior Year |           |           |       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|                                       | Eastbound | Westbound | Total |
| Jan 2017                              | 3.7%      | 6.5%      | 5.0%  |
| Feb 2017                              | 0.2%      | 4.7%      | 2.2%  |
| Mar 2017                              | 4.2%      | 8.6%      | 6.2%  |
| Apr 2017                              | 6.2%      | 19.1%     | 11.9% |
| May 2017                              | 10.1%     | 24.7%     | 16.7% |
| Jun 2017                              | 8.5%      | 22.1%     | 14.7% |
| Jul 2017                              | 6.2%      | 18.3%     | 11.8% |
| Aug 2017                              | 8.4%      | 18.2%     | 12.9% |
| Sep 2017                              | 24.5%     | 24.9%     | 24.7% |
| Oct 2017                              | 20.1%     | 42.0%     | 30.2% |
| Nov 2017                              | 15.1%     | 39.7%     | 25.7% |
| Dec 2017                              | 14.0%     | 28.5%     | 20.4% |
| Jan 2018                              | 15.2%     | 23.2%     | 18.9% |
| Feb 2018                              | 14.3%     | 24.9%     | 19.2% |
| Mar 2018                              | 6.2%      | 17.0%     | 11.1% |
| Apr 2018                              | 9.2%      | 17.0%     | 12.9% |

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# SR-91 Mainline Changes in Orange County

Average Vehicle Throughput Growth on General-purpose Lanes Near Weir Canyon



Source: PeMS – Freeway Performance Measurement System

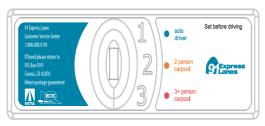
SR – State Route

# Other Impacts to Operations

- Number of accounts has grown from 122,308 to 138,985
- Number of transponders in circulation has increased from 186,496 to 211,052
- Customer service center call volumes have increased from a weekly average of 8,000 to 11,000
- Approximately 55% of traffic traveling eastbound through the 91 Express Lanes in Orange County continue using Riverside County express lanes
- Approximately 64% of the traffic traveling westbound through the 91 Express Lanes in Riverside County continue using the Orange County express lanes







## Conclusions

- Significant traffic pattern changes seen since the opening of RCTC's SR-91 Corridor Improvement Project
- Overall SR-91 traffic volumes continue rising with significant westbound increases for OCTA's 91 Express Lanes
- RCTC implementing several operational improvements along the SR-91 corridor
- Lessons learned from RCTC's 91 Corridor Improvement Project will benefit OCTA with I-405 Improvement Project

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I - Interstate