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To: State Route 91 Advisory Committee

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Subject: Joint 91 Express Lanes Status Reports

Overview

The 91 Express Lanes status reports for the months of February 2021 through April 2021 have been prepared for State Route 91 Advisory Committee review. The reports highlight operational and financial activities for both the Orange County Transportation Authority and Riverside County Transportation Commission segments of the 91 Express Lanes.

Recommendation

Receive and file the joint 91 Express Lanes status reports for the months of February 2021 through April 2021.

Background

The joint monthly status reports are prepared to document 91 Express Lanes activities and are provided for State Route 91 Advisory Committee review.

Discussion

For the month of February 2021, gross potential toll revenues and traffic volumes in the 91 Express Lanes for both the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) segments decreased as compared to the same period last year. The decreases are due to Governor Newsom's orders, beginning in March 2020, for California residents to stay-at-home and refrain from non-essential travel. In addition, there was an extra day in February 2020 when compared to this year. For the months of March 2021 and April 2021, gross potential toll revenues and traffic volumes in both the OCTA and RCTC segments increased as compared to the same period last year. The figures for March and April 2020 reflect lower levels because of the

coronavirus pandemic. As of the end of April 2021, for the OCTA segment, the 2020-21 fiscal year-to-date traffic volume and gross potential toll revenue decreased by 8.3 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively. For the RCTC segment, a fiscal year-to-date comparison reflects a decrease in traffic volume of 11.6 percent and a decrease of 29.9 percent in gross potential toll revenue.

Staff will continue to closely monitor traffic and revenue data and report back to the State Route 91 Advisory Committee regularly.

Summary

The joint 91 Express Lanes status reports for the months of February 2021 through April 2021 are provided for review. The reports highlight operational and financial activities.

Attachments

- A. 91 Express Lanes Status Report – As of February 28, 2021
- B. 91 Express Lanes Status Report – As of March 31, 2021
- C. 91 Express Lanes Status Report – As of April 30, 2021