

SR 905 FACT SHEET

TOTAL COST

\$619 million

FY 2010

APPROPRIATION

REQUEST

\$10 million

The Project

State Route 905 (SR 905) is an essential freeway connection to close the highway gap and move people and goods across the U.S.-Mexico border to access international, regional, and local markets.

Completion of the six-lane SR 905 project will connect vital interstate routes such as Interstate 805 (I-805), Interstate 5, and the South Bay Expressway (SR 125 South) to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry (POE), the only commercial vehicle crossing between San Diego and Tijuana.

The Need

The busy local surface street, Otay Mesa Road, which parallels the adopted alignment for SR 905, is presently the only access to the U.S.-Mexico Port of Entry at Otay Mesa.

- » Approximately 68,000 vehicles per day use Otay Mesa Road.
- » A higher than expected accident rate and an abnormally high percentage (16%) of trucks on Otay Mesa Road compound congestion and impede border access. Using \$20 million in state and local funds, Otay Mesa Road

was widened to six lanes in 2000; however, this improvement provides only short-term relief.

- » East-west vehicle traffic across Otay Mesa and from the border will increase dramatically. Vehicle border crossings at the existing and planned Otay Mesa POEs are expected to triple by 2030.

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- » Continued development of more than 6,000 commercial/industrial acres and the dynamics created by the maquiladora industry across the border make it imperative that a full freeway for additional east-west highway capacity be developed in the coming years.

The landscape portion of the project also is being deferred until sufficient funding has been secured.

Phase 1A began construction in April 2008. Phase 1B was advertised in November 2008, with construction expected to begin in 2009.

Project Costs

The escalated cost for the entire SR 905 project is approximately \$619 million.

Funding Status

The SR 905 project is being financed through a combination of federal, state, and local funds.

Project Status

A federal Environmental Impact Statement was approved in July 2004. Originally, the proposed project was to be constructed in four phases. Due to funding constraints, Phase 1 has been divided into two phases: Phase 1A and Phase 1B. The current project phasing is as follows:

With the addition of \$91.6 million from the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund, there is a total of \$450 million for SR 905. This amount is sufficient to complete SR 905 as a six-lane freeway between I-805 and the Otay Mesa POE (Phase 1).

- » Phase 1A - Construction of six-lane facility (Britannia Blvd. to Siempre Viva Rd.)
- » Phase 1B - Construction of six-lane facility (east of I-805/SR 905 to Britannia Blvd.)
- » Phase 2 - Improvements to the I-805/SR 905 interchange
- » Phase 3 - Construction of the SR 905/SR 125 interchange
- » Phase 4 - Completion of the Heritage interchange ramp

An additional \$169 million is needed to construct Phases 2, 3, 4, and the landscape portion of the SR 905 project.