I-5 / I-8 CONNECTOR
FACT SHEET

The Project
This project includes an additional northbound lane and auxiliary lanes on Interstate 5 (I-5) between Interstate 8 (I-8) and Sea World Drive in the City of San Diego, as well as upgrades to the I-8 westbound to I-5 northbound connector, providing two lanes to relieve congestion on I-8.

The Need
This section of I-5 supports access to regional job centers and key recreational facilities in San Diego. Average daily traffic in the area ranges from 160,000 to 220,000 vehicles. Demand is expected to exceed 300,000 vehicles in 2030.

Project Costs
The total cost of the freeway project is estimated to be $23.8 million.

Project Status
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is developing contract plans. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2013, with completion set for 2016.

Funding Status
Funding for the project came from multiple sources, including:

» $1.2 million from congressional appropriation (FY 2005)
» $4.8 million from the federal SAFETEA-LU transportation bill (The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users)
» $3.6 million from TransNet, a regional half-cent sales tax for transportation
» $14.2 million from the California State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP)