

# SR 11 OTAY MESA EAST PORT OF ENTRY

## New Border Crossing Project Vision for economic growth and innovation

The State Route 11 (SR 11)/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project is a joint venture between the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and Caltrans, in collaboration with state and federal partners in the U.S. and Mexican governments, to create a 21st century border crossing for the San Diego-Baja California region that will enhance regional mobility and fuel economic growth and binational trade.

The proposed border improvements will provide fast, predictable, and secure border crossings by constructing a four-lane tolled road connecting directly to a state-of-the-art Customs & Border Protection Land Port of Entry (POE) and a California Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility (CVEF).

Additional improvements include:

- New border wait time detection system
- Advanced traveler information to improve route planning
- Optimized POE capacity to decrease congestion and wait times

## Project Objectives



Advanced technology and tolling will decrease border wait times, increase efficiency, and drive sustainable mobility solutions.

## San Diego-Tijuana Region

Located in the southwest corner of the U.S.-Mexico border, San Diego County is part of the California-Baja region, one of the most dynamic and innovative “mega-regions” in the world. The total population of this rapidly growing border region exceeds 7 million and the combined gross regional product exceeds \$300 billion.

Much of the region and our nation’s prosperity and security hinges on border crossings that facilitate the legal movement of people and goods that support binational trade, tourism, manufacturing, and the free exchange of cultures, ideas, and education. The existing border crossings – San Ysidro, Otay Mesa, and Tecate – suffer from chronic congestion and hours-long border wait times that harm economic growth and air quality.



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## San Diego Economy and Expertise

San Diego is known as an innovative region with a wealth of experience in border infrastructure development. The region is the first in the nation to develop a border master plan and conduct a study on the economic impacts of border wait times. Approximately \$1.3 billion worth of infrastructure projects have been completed, are under construction, or are being planned along the San Diego-Tijuana border.

The economies of the San Diego-Tijuana mega-region are blended and interdependent, making trade a key driver of the economy and employment. On average, over 70 million people cross the San Diego/Baja California border annually.



2nd most populous county in California, 5th in the United States



San Diego's exports to Mexico are valued at almost \$6 billion per year



Home to \$14.4 billion advanced industry research & development cluster

## Project Map

