

# SR 905 FACT SHEET

### The Project

State Route 905 (SR 905) is an essential freeway connection to close a 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, 6.4-mile project connects vital transportation corridors, such as Interstate 805 (I-805), Interstate 5 (I-5), and the South Bay Expressway (SR 125) to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry (POE), the only commercial vehicle crossing between San Diego and Tijuana.

### The Need

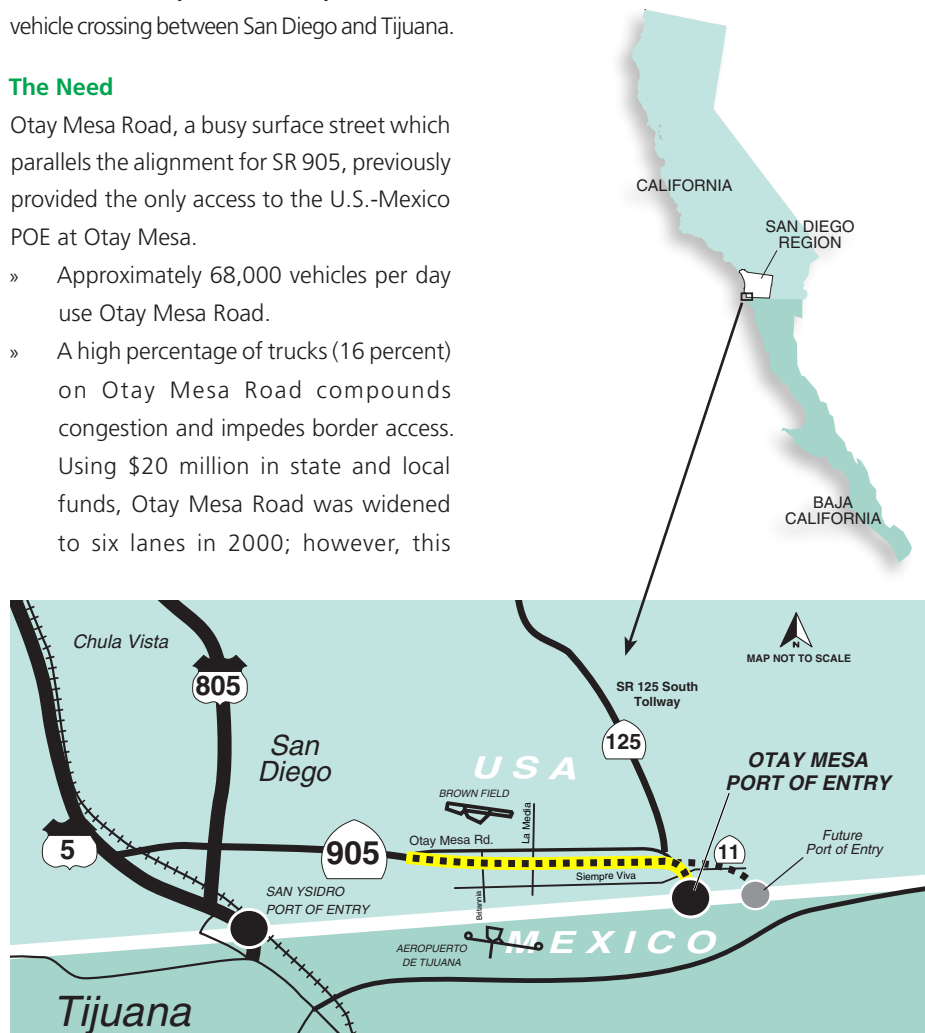
Otay Mesa Road, a busy surface street which parallels the alignment for SR 905, previously provided the only access to the U.S.-Mexico POE at Otay Mesa.

- » Approximately 68,000 vehicles per day use Otay Mesa Road.
- » A high percentage of trucks (16 percent) on Otay Mesa Road compounds congestion and impedes 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 POE is expected to increase significantly in the coming decades.
- » Continued development of more than 6,000 commercial/industrial acres and the dynamics created by the maquiladora industry across the border

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make it imperative that a full freeway for additional east-west highway capacity be developed.

### **Project Costs**

The estimated cost for the entire SR 905 project is \$606.9 million.

### **Project Status**

The full length of SR 905 from Siempre Viva Road to I-805 is open to traffic as of July 2012. The project was built in several phases due to funding constraints. The phasing is as follows:

- » Phase 1A - Construction of six-lane facility from Britannia Boulevard to Siempre Viva Road. Work began in April 2008, and the lanes opened to traffic in December 2010.
- » Phase 1B - Construction of six-lane facility east of I-805/SR 905 to Britannia Boulevard. Work began in July 2009, and the lanes are open as of July 2012.
- » Phase 2 - Improvements to the I-805/SR 905 interchange. Construction began in May 2011, and the improvements opened to traffic in February 2012.
- » Phase 3 - Construction of the SR 905/SR 125 interchange, pending funding.
- » Phase 4 - Completion of the Heritage interchange ramp, pending funding.

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

### **Funding Status**

The SR 905 project was funded by a combination of federal, state, and local funds.

A total of \$441 million was spent to complete SR 905 between I-805 and the Otay Mesa (POE) and the improvements to the I-805/SR 905 interchange.

A large portion of the funding came from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), commonly known as the federal stimulus package. The I-805/SR 905 interchange improvements were paid for by \$17.9 million from an ARRA program called Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER). Nearly \$74 million in ARRA funding went into the construction of SR 905 east of I-805 to Britannia Boulevard.

An additional \$163 million is needed to construct Phases 3, 4, and the landscape portion of the SR 905 project.