



# SR 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry

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## **The Project**

State Route (SR) 11 and a new federal port of entry (POE) will improve the movement of goods and people between the United States and Mexico. This project includes construction of SR 11, a new four-lane highway, a commercial vehicle enforcement facility (CVEF), and a new POE located in the unincorporated community of East Otay Mesa in the southernmost portion of San Diego County. From the future SR 125/SR 905 interchange, SR 11 will extend east approximately 2.5 miles to the proposed Otay Mesa East POE at the U.S.- Mexico border.

SR 11 will feature interchanges at Enrico Fermi Drive and Siempre Viva Road. Future plans call for toll roads approaching the border crossing both north and south of the border – allowing travelers the opportunity to pay a fee to get to the border more quickly, drastically reducing the lengthy wait times they currently endure.

The new freeway and port will curb traffic congestion and reduce frequent border wait times of several hours for both commercial trucks at the existing Otay Mesa POE and for vehicles at the San Ysidro port. It will provide a seamless connection south of the border to the Tijuana-Rosarito Corridor, with links to the Tijuana-Tecate and the Tijuana-Ensenada toll roads in Baja California, Mexico.

Caltrans is the lead agency for design and construction of SR 11, and SANDAG is the lead agency for the design and construction of the POE.

## **Project Status**

The SR 11/Otay Mesa East POE project is being developed in three segments.

Segment 1, which started construction in December 2013, includes connectors to SR 905, plus a stretch of the new SR 11 highway from SR 905 east to Enrico Fermi Drive.

Segments 2 and 3 will be built as funding becomes available, possibly starting construction as soon as 2016. Segment 2 will build a tolled highway segment, extending SR 11 from Enrico Fermi Drive to Siempre Viva Road, and the commercial vehicle enforcement facility. Segment 3 will build the new port of entry.

## **Project Costs and Financing**

The cost of the project as a whole is estimated to be \$700 million to \$750 million. The first segment is \$112 million, with \$71 million coming from the Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund and \$41 million from the federal Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program.

To fund Segments 2 and 3, innovative financing methods, such as the sale of bonds backed by future toll revenues, loans, grants, and private sector sources, are being pursued.

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## MILESTONES

- » Obtained Presidential Permit in 2008 to create the new Otay Mesa East POE
- » Tier 1 environmental report completed in 2008, providing environmental clearance for the freeway and location of POE
- » MOU signed by partners - General Services Administration, Customs and Border Protection, Federal Highway Administration, SANDAG, and Caltrans in spring 2011
- » Program Development Study completed in July 2011
- » California Transportation Commission approved implementation of the project in three segments in January 2012
- » The Record of Decision for Tier 2 environmental report completed in fall 2012, clearing the location of SR 11 interchanges
- » Construction started on the first segment in December 2013

