



State Route 905

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STATE ROUTE 905 PROJECT – PHASE 1B, SIX-LANE FREEWAY FACT SHEET – MAY 2009

The Project

Work will begin this month to construct three miles of six-lane freeway from Britannia Boulevard to east of Interstate 805 in San Diego as the next phase of the State Route 905 Project. This phase – referred to as Phase 1B – is among the first transportation projects in the state to make use of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). This project's Phase 1A is now under construction from Siembra Viva Road to Britannia Boulevard. The SR-905 Project as a whole runs from the Otay Mesa Port of Entry west to I-805.

The Need

The project is critical to the flow of goods and services between California and Baja California, Mexico. Total imports and exports between these two trade partners was \$15 billion in 1995, and today it totals more than \$35 billion. Ninety-eight percent of this trade is transported by truck. The California/Baja California Ports of Entry processed more than two million trucks in 2005, and this figure is projected to double by 2020.

Jobs

Construction of SR-905 Phase 1B will generate an estimated 1,400 jobs for the San Diego Region and California. It will also accommodate the anticipated increase in traffic congestion and help keep California competitive in the world market.

Partnership

SR-905 Phase 1B is developed through a partnership between the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

Project Status

Caltrans plans to award the contract and break ground on SR-905 Phase 1B on the same day in mid-May. Phase 1A started construction in April 2008 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2010. The remaining three phases of the project are interchanges and not yet funded and programmed at this time.

Project Costs

SR-905 Phase 1B has a price tag of \$76.89 million, including \$74.5 million from the Recovery Act, \$2.13 million from Federal Demonstration, and \$260,000 from the SANDAG's TransNet half-cent sales tax. The SR-905 Project is estimated to cost \$620 million.

Project Schedule

Start Construction (Phase 1B): May 2009
Project Completion (Phase 1B): Summer 2012

