

# State Route 56

## Carmel Valley to Rancho Penasquitos Road

### OVERALL GOALS

- Provide an east-west connection between the coastal communities and the Interstate 15 (I-15) corridor communities.
- Reduce traffic congestion on Black Mountain Road, Miramar Road, Mira Mesa Boulevard and Del Dios Highway.
- Reduce out-of-direction travel and serve planned development in this area.
- Provide a major link in the regional transportation network called the outer loop, consisting of I-5, SR-56, SR-125, SR-52, SR-67, I-8, SR-54 and SR-905.

### THE PROJECT

The project consists of constructing about five miles of new freeway alignment between I-5 and I-15 from Carmel Valley to Rancho Penasquitos in the city of San Diego. Initially, this project will be constructed as a four-lane freeway and will include the completion of the interchange at Black Mountain Road and a bike path running adjacent to the project. The ultimate project will consist of a six-lane freeway with a median that would allow for either: additional mixed-flow lanes; High Occupancy Vehicle (carpool) lanes or future transit. Camino Santa Fe interchange and the Camino Del Sur (formerly Camino Ruiz) interchange will be built as part of this project.

### STUDIES

The city of San Diego completed an Environmental Impact Report in May 1998. This document discussed four alignment alternatives: Central, Northern, Modified Northern-F, and Modified Northern -D. The San Diego City Council reviewed this document and certified an alignment in June 1998. The alignment chosen was a combination of the Modified Northern-F and the Modified Northern -D.

### TRAFFIC

It is estimated by the year 2020, that 84,000 to 120,000 vehicles a day will travel this section of highway depending on land use within the Pacific Highlands Ranch and Torrey Highlands Planned Urbanizing Areas.

### FUNDING

The estimated cost of this four-lane freeway is \$220 million, including \$113 million in state funds (of which \$19 million is Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds) and \$107 million in local funds. The cost of the project includes property acquisition and construction. The funding for this project is a combination of State, SANDAG, county and city sources.

The freeway is expected to be completed and open to traffic in July 2004.



# STATE ROUTE 56 ALIGNMENT

