

**Environmental Impact Statement: San Diego County, CA**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in San Diego County, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis A. Scovill, Chief, District Operations-C, Federal Highway Administration, 980 Ninth Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2724, Telephone: 916/498-5034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to extend State Route (SR) 905 easterly approximately six miles, connection Interstate 805 and the Otay Mesa International Border Crossing, in Diego County. Sensitive resources already identified within the project area include archaeological sites, vernal pools and other wetlands.

The purpose of the project is to accommodate existing and future east-west traffic generated by development on Otay Mesa and growing use of the Otay Mesa International Port-Of-Entry. Initial freeway construction will be for a four-or-six-lane roadway (depending on the results of traffic modeling studies currently in progress) which would improve safety and traffic flow in the Otay Mesa area. The EIS will address an ultimate ten-lane freeway (including two high occupancy vehicle lanes). The project also includes evaluation of siting locations for six proposed interchanges: including Caliente Boulevard, Heritage Road, Dritannia Boulevard, La Media Road, and Siempre Viva Road, as well as a major junction with (proposed) SR 125.

Several Alternatives are being considered for this project. These include a "no build" alternative, expansion of Otay Mesa Road, several different alignments of a new SR 905 route from I-805 to the Otay Mesa International Border Crossing, and system alternatives (e.g., public transport via electric trolley or bus).

The appropriate federal, state and local agencies, private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal will placed on a mailing list to receive project-related materials.

A public information/scoping meeting is planned for Monday, April 10, 1995 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Sanyo Building, 2055 Sanyo Avenue, Otay Mesa. Scoping meetings will also be arranged with responsible/cooperating agencies and special interest groups upon request. A public hearing will be held after the EIS is available for review. Public notice will given as to the time and place of the hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposal action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA at the address provided above.

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