ROUTE LOCATION, ADOPTION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF STATE ROUTE 905 BETWEEN THE OTAY MESA PORT OF ENTRY AND INTERSTATE 805 IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/REPORT

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Abstract:
The proposed project would construct Route 905 from Interstate 805 to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry with Mexico, a distance of approximately 10 kilometers (6.2 miles). Each of the proposed alternatives would include six travel lanes (three in each direction) and each would have a wide median for possible, future HOV lanes. Local interchanges would be constructed at Caliente Avenue, Heritage Road, Britannia Boulevard, and La Media Road as would a freeway to freeway interchange at Route 125. The project purpose is to provide for effective transportation of people, goods, and services between Interstate 805 and the Otay Mesa Port-of-Entry. Project objectives include alleviating existing traffic congestion, improving safety on Otay Mesa Road, providing adequate transportation facilities for the associated growth from planned and approved developments, and completing a major transportation corridor between Interstate 5 and the Port of Entry. Alternatives assessed in the Draft EIS/EIR were: a no build alternative and six build alternatives. The Freeway-Central Alignment Alternative has been identified as the Preferred Alternative and the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative. Project environmental impacts include biological resources, vernal pools, and growth.