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County Trail Enhancements

Working closely with the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), local equestrian riders and the San Diego County Parks and Recreation Department, California Transportation Ventures (CTV) set out to make these picturesque trails even more enjoyable. The shoulder of the new access road connection to the SDG&E substation at the end of San Miguel Road will allow a dual use trail and road shoulder. This project highlight will create connectivity to the existing trail system on the SDG&E property to the east, allowing residents access to the rolling hills and vista points that look out over the Sweetwater Reservoir and San Miguel Creek.

Otay River Bridge will Revolutionize South Bay Travel

Commuters and travelers to Otay Mesa and the International Border are in for a quick and reliable connection, thanks to the new Otay River Bridge – the largest and most exciting part of the SR 125 project. Construction has begun on this unique bridge that will bring travel in the South Bay to new heights.

The Otay River Bridge will be a remarkable engineering feat. It is what engineers call a "segmental bridge" and there is only one other bridge being constructed like it in California – the East Bay Skyway Bridge near Oakland, currently under construction.



Aerial of Otay River Bridge

Each segment of the bridge superstructure (or top) is precast and then put into place, piece by piece. Because this segmental construction method allows the bridge's top to be put together from above, it is an environmentally friendly way to build, as it minimizes impact on the sensitive Otay River Valley floor below.

So how is it built? The substructure (or base) for the bridge is made up of 11 sets of dual columns, and is built onsite from the ground up. Construction on the base is currently underway. Casting of the top portion of the bridge has begun at a precast yard in Perris, California. The segments, each

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SR 125 South Construction Accelerates



SR 125 North to SR 54 West Ramp Tunnel



SR 54 Westbound Bridge



San Miguel Road Bridge



Otay River Bridge

Otay River Bridge (continued)

weighing between 50 and 70 tons and measuring about 35 feet wide and 10-16 feet tall, are then put on large trucks and driven to the site. Once there, they are lifted out from a launching pad and fitted into place on top of the supporting columns by a large overhead gantry.

Once complete in Fall 2006, the Otay River Bridge will be four lanes wide, three quarters of a mile long (that's the

length of 11 football fields) and 18 stories (180 feet) tall at its highest point.

Commuters will enjoy a reliable, scenic drive as they travel across the Otay River Bridge and take in the beautiful vistas and lush landscape of the Chula Vista countryside.

Stay tuned for construction updates and progress photos as the Otay River Bridge comes to life!

Major Construction Along Toll Road

Get ready to see the SR 125 South toll road start to take shape! Drivers will see activity increase significantly at the toll road's intersections with East H Street, Eastlake Parkway, Otay Lakes Road and Olympic Parkway. Work on these new interchanges, as well as on the new roadway, is generally scheduled to occur weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. lasting until the road's completion in Fall 2006. Certain construction operations may be required on Saturdays and during evening hours, however, these will be minimized as much as possible.

Here are some helpful tips to keep everyone safe through this important

construction phase:

- Give 'em a brake in work zones! Please obey posted speed limits.
- Stay alert! Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers and heavy equipment.
- Turn on headlights, even during the day, so workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Please be patient!

For additional information, please call the SR 125 South Project Infoline at 619-591-4292.

Construction Schedule

Gap and Connector

- Rock blasting and crushing operations will continue along SR 54 through Fall 2005. Expect traffic delays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on days posted.
- Grading, drainage and bridge construction will continue along SR 54 and SR 125 Connector through Summer of 2006.
- Construction is ongoing for the Phase II Ballfields with the initial fields to be open in April 2005.

Toll Road

- Bridge construction will begin at Olympic Parkway, East H Street, Otay Lakes Road and San Miguel Ranch Road. Otay River Bridge construction is ongoing.
- Eastlake Parkway detour construction to begin in Spring 2005.
- Earthwork and drainage construction along the SR 125 alignment is underway and will continue through Fall 2006.

Comments, questions or additional construction information, please call the SR 125 South Project Infoline at 619-591-4292. If you have a construction-related emergency, please contact Brian Freund with Otay River Constructors at 619-397-7500.

Did You Know?

Get Ready for FasTrak™

We want to make using the SR 125 South toll road as convenient as possible when it opens October 2006. For example, you can choose to pay your toll with cash at a toll-booth, or you can get FasTrak and pay tolls automatically without stopping.

FasTrak is easy to get! Just open a FasTrak prepaid account and affix a small electronic device called a transponder to the inside of your vehicle's windshield.



When traveling in the FasTrak lane an overhead antenna reads the FasTrak transponder, and the toll is automatically deducted from your prepaid account.

FasTrak is fully electronic - no toll-booths, gates or arms - no need to slow down or stop at the tollbooths. Just drive on through!

Use FasTrak on any California toll road or bridge that displays the FasTrak symbol, including the I-15 Express Lanes here in San Diego County, Orange County toll roads like the 73, even the Golden Gate Bridge!

Need a speaker for your event? Representatives of the SR 125 South project are available to speak to your group. Contact Patty Talamantes at (619) 591-4292 for more information.



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