

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 27-28, 2004

Reference No.: 2.3a.(2)
Action Item

From: CINDY MCKIM
Acting Chief Financial Officer

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Division of Design

Ref: **ADOPTION OF LOCATION FOR STATE HIGHWAY AS A FREEWAY,
11-SD-905 KP R16.7/R18.6 (PM R10.6/R11.6),
RESOLUTION HRA-04-04**

RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted for transmittal to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) are Highway Route Adoption Resolution HRA-04-04 and a route location map for the State Highway Route 905. The Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission approve the resolution and route location map in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. This resolution adopts 1.9 kilometers (1.0 miles) of Freeway for Route 905 in the City of San Diego, San Diego County, from 0.9 kilometers (0.6 miles) east of La Media Road to the Otay Mesa Federal Port of Entry to Mexico.

A Project Report was approved on July 30, 2004. The Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR) documenting compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) was approved on July 23, 2004, with the Record of Decision (R.O.D.) dated on September 23, 2004

Recommended by: J. Mike Leonardo, Chief Engineer, Acting

BACKGROUND

The State Route 905 project purpose is to provide for effective transportation of people, goods, and services between Interstate 805 (I-805) and the Otay Mesa Federal Port of Entry to Mexico (POE). Project objectives include alleviating existing traffic congestion, improving safety on Otay Mesa Road, as well as providing adequate transportation facilities for the associated growth from planned and approved developments, and completing a major transportation corridor between Interstate 5 (I-5) and the POE.

Route 905 is defined in statute as part of the Freeway and Expressway system from west of I-5 near the south end of San Diego Bay to the international boundary south of Brown Field and is part of the National Highway System (NHS). Currently the route consists of a four-lane freeway plus auxiliary lanes between I-5 and I-805, continuing easterly to its junction with Otay Mesa Road, adopted as a Traversable Highway on August 30, 2002. Traffic continues on Otay Mesa Road as an east-west conventional highway. This route is the only existing access to and from the POE.

The Otay Mesa community and Tijuana, Mexico, have experienced rapid growth since 1980. This growth has been stimulated by the change of land use from thousands of acres of farmland to the current land use designation of industrial/commercial and residential. Otay Mesa has been designated by the City of San Diego (City) to be a primary industrial and commercial center for the County of San Diego. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was ratified by Canada, Mexico, and the United States in 1993 and became effective January 1, 1994, progressively eliminating all tariffs on goods traded among the three countries. NAFTA increases Otay Mesa's development possibilities and opportunities, making the area attractive locally, nationally, and internationally. Route 905 will provide direct access to Otay Mesa's existing and future planned and approved major employment centers as a regional transportation link for its industries.

The enactment of NAFTA, the passing of Tijuana's \$171 million infrastructure improvement ballot initiative, the opening of the U.S. Commercial Inspection Facility adjacent to the POE, and the lifting of a building moratorium in the Otay Mesa area by the City have accelerated the need to extend the Route 905 facility. Otay Mesa Road currently serves up to 55,000 vehicles per day with a 15% truck mix.

The adoption of this 1.9 kilometers (1.0 miles) of Freeway Route for Route 905 in the City of San Diego, San Diego County, completes the easterly portion of the freeway route contemplated by the legislature in the Freeway and Expressway system.

PROPOSAL

The project proposes extending Route 905 from 0.1 kilometer east of Interstate 805 to the Otay Mesa Federal Port of Entry to reduce congestion, enhance the safe transportation of people, goods, and services, and to improve the mobility of local, regional, interregional, and international traffic. The project is coded 'HE-14 New Facilities' and has current funding from a large number of sources including State, Interregional and Regional Transportation Improvement Programs, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century for the years 2000 to 2004, local funds and Transportation Congestion Relief Program. Current estimate is \$309 million, escalated to \$314.5 million for the 2005/2006 program year. Approximately \$118 million is for Right of Way, \$148 million is for capital construction, and \$43 million for design-construction support for this Design Sequencing project. Construction is scheduled for FY 2006-07.

COORDINATION

A Project Report was approved on July 30, 2004. The Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR) documenting compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) was approved on July 23, 2004, with the Record of Decision (R.O.D.) dated September 23, 2004. The Commission, as the lead agency, has approved a future funding resolution under reference 2.2c. of the August, 2004 meeting agenda. A Freeway Agreement between the Department of Transportation (Department) and the City has been prepared for execution pending the approval of this resolution. The Department and the City entered into a Cooperative Agreement on December 2, 1996 setting the conditions for relinquishment of Otay Mesa Road (Traversable 905) to the City as portions of Route 905 are put into service. In addition, the Department and City entered into a cooperative agreement to fund acquisition of the right of way for Route 905. No additional cooperative agreements are anticipated.

CONCLUSION

The proposed route adoption for this segment of State Highway Route 905 is needed to reduce traffic congestion, maintain regional, interregional, and international mobility, and improve safety. For these reasons the adoption of the proposed route as a Freeway is in the best interest of the public.

Attachments: Resolution HRA-04-04, Route Adoption Maps

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution Adopting A Freeway Location
11-SD-905 KP-R16.7/R18.6 (PM R10.6/R11.6)

Resolution HRA-04-04

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, with input for the project from the City of San Diego and San Diego County, has completed studies and approved of the public hearing process relative to the adopted location for Freeway Route 905, in San Diego County, from 0.9 kilometers (0.6 miles) east of La Media Road to the Otay Mesa Federal Port of Entry to Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has completed a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR) documenting compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby select, adopt and determine the location of that segment of State Highway Route 905, a Freeway, from Kilometer Post R16.7 (Postmile R10.6) to Kilometer Post R18.6 (Postmile R11.6), in San Diego County and officially designated as 11-SD-905, as said location is shown on the map submitted on October 27, 2004 by Mark Leja, Chief, Division of Design; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission has found and determined and hereby declares that such the location of said Freeway is for the best interest of the State.

TRAVERSABLE ROUTE 905
ADOPTED AS
STATE HIGHWAY
10/3/2001

TRAVERSABLE ROUTE 905 (OTAY MESA RD)

ROUTE 125
ADOPTED AS
FREEWAY
2/23/2000

ROUTE 905
ADOPTED AS
FREEWAY
6/29/1965

BEGINNING OF ADOPTION

AIRWAY RD

LOCATION OF
STATE HIGHWAY

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

END OF ADOPTION

FEDERAL PORT OF ENTRY
UNITED STATES
MEXICO

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

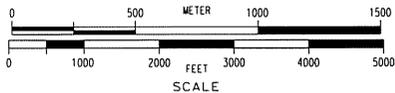
CITY COUNTY OLD OTAY MESA RD

SANYO ROAD

INTERIM ROUTE 905
ADOPTED AS
STATE HIGHWAY
3/24/1983

PASEO DE LAS AMERICAS
ROAD

VIVA
ROLL DR
VIA DE LA AMISTAD



I hereby certify that by resolution of the California
Transportation Commission on _____
the alignment indicated on this map was selected,
adopted and determined as the location for a section
of State Highway Route 905 and declared a freeway.

ATTEST: _____
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission

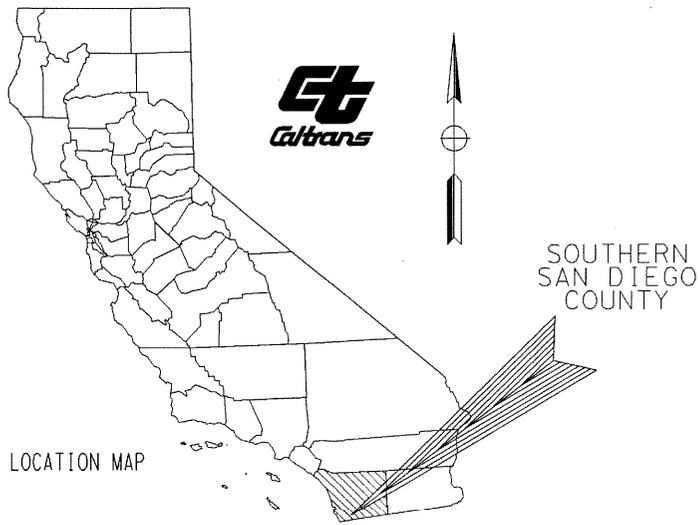
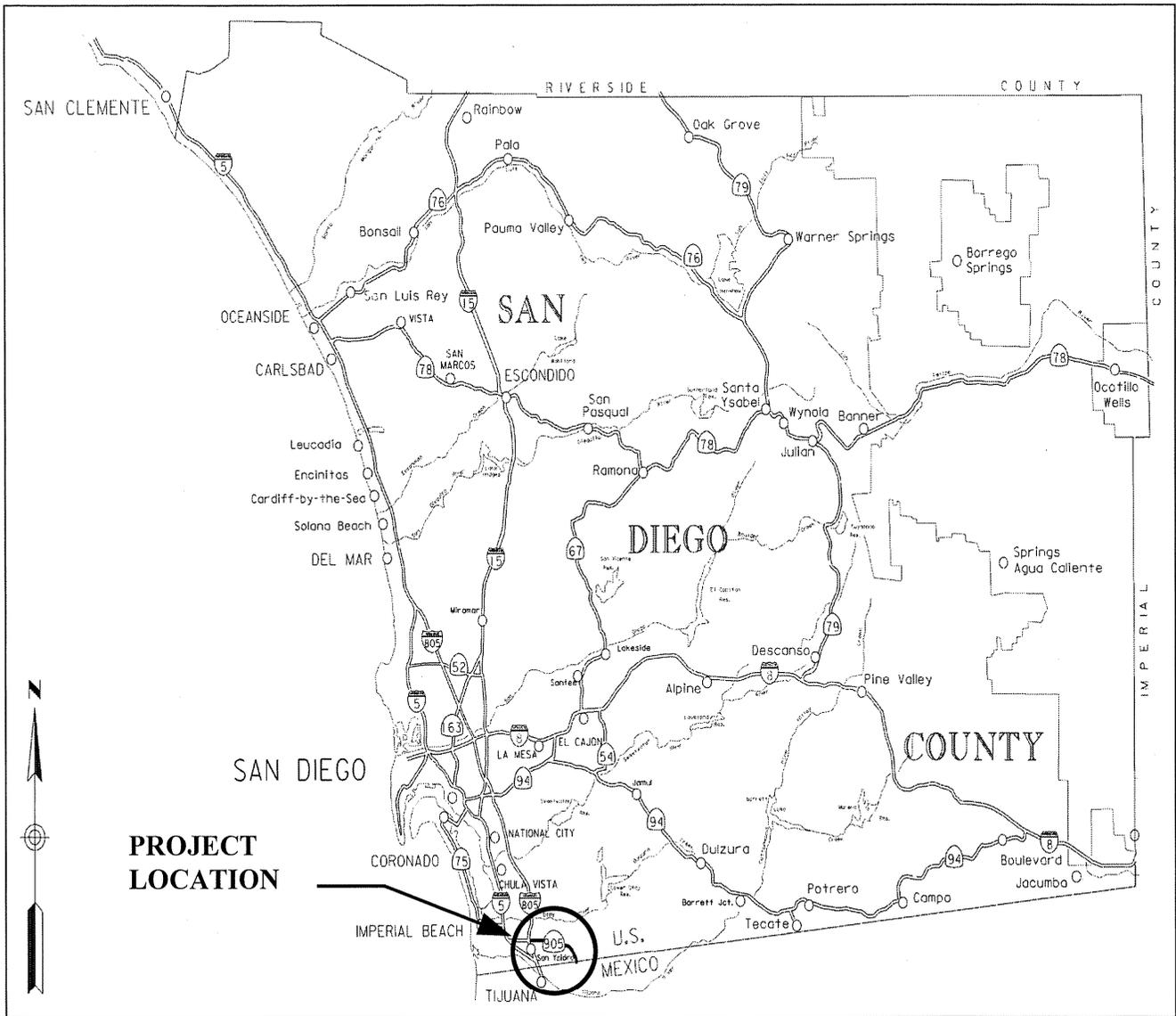
I hereby certify that this map was prepared
pursuant to and under my direction and is a
true and correct map of a section of proposed
State Highway Route 905.

Submitted: _____

Chief Design Engineer
Civil Engineer License No. _____

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MAP SHOWING
**LOCATION OF
STATE HIGHWAY
IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY**
FROM 0.9 KILOMETER EAST OF LA MEDIA ROAD
TO THE OTAY MESA
FEDERAL PORT OF ENTRY TO MEXICO
KP R16.7/R18.6 (PM R10.8/R11.6)

11-SD-905
A FREEWAY



11-SAN DIEGO-905

**ROUTE ADOPTION
AREA OF INTEREST MAP**