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## Southbound State Route 125 (SR 125) to Eastbound State Route 905 (SR 905) and State Route 11 (SR 11) Connectors **Open to Traffic on December 21**

On Tuesday, December 21, 2021, Caltrans and SANDAG will open the southbound State Route 125 (SR 125) to eastbound State Route 905 (SR 905) and eastbound State Route 11 (SR 11) connectors in Otay Mesa to traffic.

The connectors will provide a direct highway connection from East San Diego County and Chula Vista to the Otay Mesa area and the existing Otay Mesa Port of Entry, marking a pivotal step in connecting surrounding communities and enhancing mobility and access throughout the corridor. This new infrastructure will also improve transit connections and create a new connection for the future Otay Mesa East Port of Entry, which will fuel economic growth, enhance mobility, and bolster binational trade for both the U.S. and Mexico.

Currently, South Bay Expressway (SR 125) users traveling south exit at Otay Mesa Road. After the completion of the connectors, traffic traveling along SR 125 will have the following exit options:

- Otav Mesa Road
- Eastbound SR 905 connector towards the Siempre Viva Road (the last U.S.A. exit) and Otay Mesa Port of Entry
- Eastbound SR 11 towards Enrico Fermi Drive and the future Otay Mesa East Port of Entry



Please note, inclement weather may impact the opening of the connectors and construction schedules are subject to change.



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## **Improved Mobility in Otay Mesa**

- The connectors will alleviate traffic congestion and travel delays for passenger and commercial vehicles crossing the border.
- The connectors provide a direct connection to key employment centers in the Otay Mesa area, including power plants, logistics centers, warehouses, and detention facilities, increasing equitable access to job opportunities for residents located in Chula Vista and neighboring cities.
- The addition of the new southbound connectors is the latest in a series of multimodal transportation enhancements in the border region. Previous projects include the development of SR 11 and the Diverging Diamond Interchange located along Enrico Fermi Drive, Otay Mesa Transit Center and the start of South Bay Rapid service, the South Bay Expressway (SR 125 toll road), and improvements at the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa ports of entry.

## **About SR 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project**

The final segment of the future toll road SR 11 and the southbound connector ramps, linking SR 125 to eastbound SR 11 and eastbound SR 905, are being constructed as part of the SR 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project. The project is a joint venture between Caltrans and SANDAG, in collaboration with state and federal partners in the U.S. and Mexico, to create a 21st century port of entry that will enhance regional mobility, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, fuel economic growth, and bolster binational trade. Roadway and connecter ramp construction currently underway will ultimately provide a direct connection to a stateof-the-art U.S. Land Port of Entry and a California Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility, helping to enable fast, predictable, and secure border crossings. To receive ongoing email updates about the project and what to expect during construction, please visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SR11.





