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Valuable Feedback Gathered at Community Presentations and Workshops

Caltrans and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) have conducted a number of outreach activities to educate the public about the I-805 South Project. The team made presentations to roughly 30 community groups within the 11-mile project area, garnering valuable feedback from local residents.

In addition, the agencies held two public hearings on the project in September to provide the public with the opportunity to learn more about the planned freeway improvements and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA).

More than 100 community members attended the meetings, where they viewed a PowerPoint presentation, circulated among a number of stations covering various project-related topics, and provided written and verbal feedback on the environmental document. Caltrans and SANDAG staff and personnel from the City of Chula Vista were also on hand to answer questions.



Caltrans staff members answer questions about the I-805 South Project at a public hearing held on September 21.

Over the next few months, Caltrans will respond to the comments received during the hearings, as well as those gathered by mail or e-mail. This feedback will be incorporated into the Final EIR/EA, which is expected to be released next year.



Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the I-805 South Project?

The I-805 South Project will add four new Express Lanes in the center median of I-805 between East Palomar Street and the I-805/SR 15 interchange. Also included are features that will connect the community to the Express Lanes.

Why is the project needed?

The improvements will help serve South County's growing population

by creating a modern, new transportation backbone and providing expanded transportation choices for travelers.

When will the project be completed? Phase 1 of the project, which includes one carpool lane in each direction and a Direct Access Ramp at Palomar Street, will be completed in 2014.

The remaining improvements will be completed in 2020.

Will I be able to use the new Express Lanes?

The Express Lanes will accommodate carpoolers, vanpoolers, solo drivers using FasTrak, motorcycles, and a new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system.

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AT A GLANCE: The Interstate 805 South Project

Project Overview

The I-805 South Project features a number of improvements that will relieve traffic congestion and offer new transportation choices along an 11-mile freeway segment stretching from East Palomar Street to the I-805/SR 15 interchange.

The project will cost an estimated \$1.3 billion, with funding coming from federal, state, and local programs, including *TransNet*, a local half-cent sales tax approved by San Diego County voters in 2004 to pay for transportation projects.

The map to the right highlights the I-805 South Project route and some of the proposed improvements that will provide transportation choices, as well as help maintain and enhance quality of life for residents.

Benefits

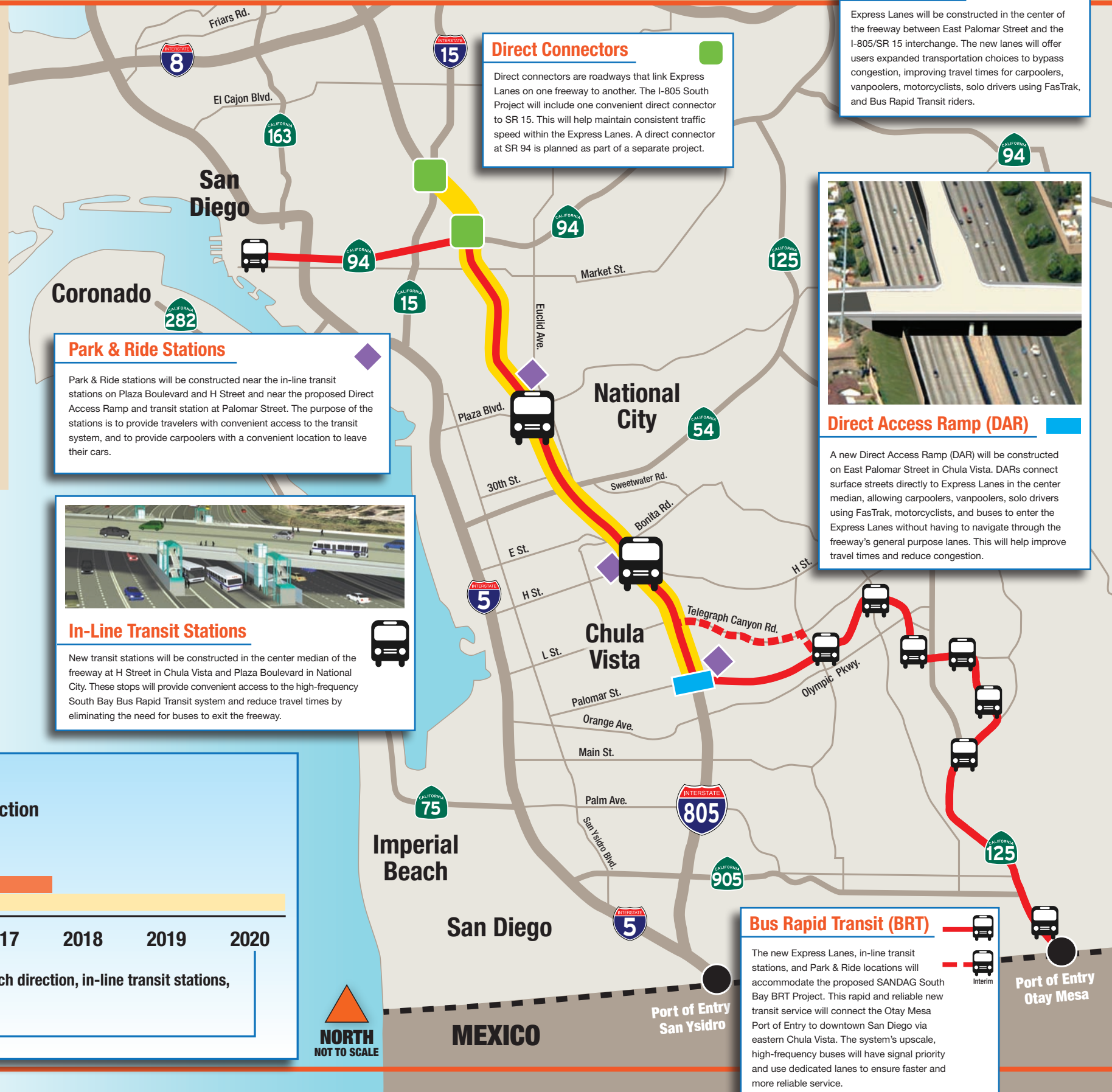
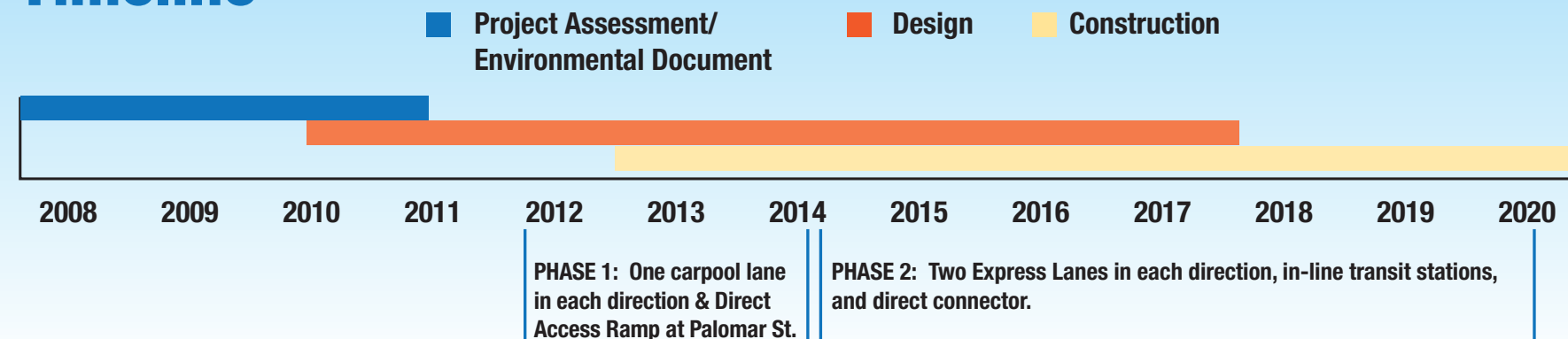
Improvements planned by Caltrans and SANDAG along I-805 South will bring a number of benefits to the San Diego region by:

- Creating a modern, new transportation backbone.
- Expanding transportation choices.
- Supporting the regional economy.
- Improving the quality of life.



Convenient transit stations such as the one illustrated to the left will be constructed on the freeway as part of Phase 2.

Timeline



Additional Features to Help Improve the Quality of Life

In an effort to reduce impacts to neighbors, the I-805 South Project will include more than 70 sound walls, 100 retaining walls, and more than 20 bridge improvements along the 11-mile route. These features will reduce highway traffic noise and improve access.



Caltrans will identify locations along the I-805 South Project route that may be eligible for sound walls and retaining walls similar to those pictured here.

Next Steps

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, Caltrans prepared an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for the I-805 South Project. This document analyzed potential impacts and identified appropriate roadway or community improvements designed to offset these impacts.

The draft EIR/EA was released on August 30, 2010, kicking off a formal public review period that ended October 28th. Feedback received will be incorporated into the final environmental document, which covers both phases of the project. The EIR/EA is expected to be finalized in 2011.

To view the draft EIR/EA, visit the I-805 Corridor section of www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com.

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