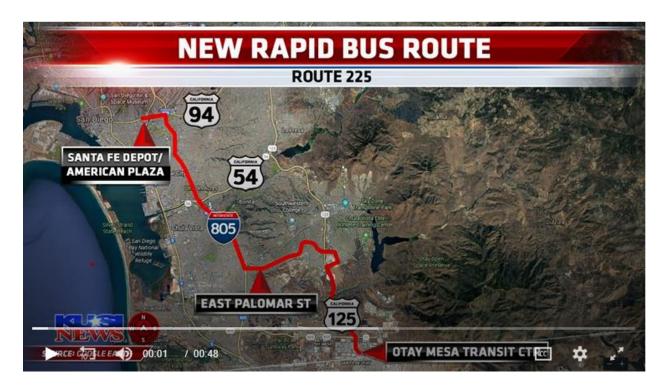


Opening of the South Bay Rapid transit offers free rides



OTAY MESA (KUSI)- The long-awaited South Bay Rapid transit started its first full service route today with free rides. The new route connect Otay Mesa Transit Center and Downtown San Diego in roughly an hour during rush hour traffic.

As part of its opening, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit system says it will not charge for rides on the Rapid 225 from today though February 2nd.