

### **Opening of SR 125 means brighter future**

The wait is over, our future is brighter!

Over the next few days the South County will finally have a long awaited highway designed to be a major part of reducing traffic congestion on the region's arterial streets and freeways.

State Route 125 will be opening and the vision of this roadway going back to 1969 will finally become a reality. The 12.5 mile highway will link SR 54 with Interstate 905 in the Otay Mesa area, contributing to the much needed economic engine for our region by providing alternative access routes to our local businesses and communities.

As the past co-chair of Citizens for 125, along with Dan Horn, I would like to take this opportunity to thank South Bay Expressway's CEO Greg Hulsizer and his whole team for their tireless efforts to see this project through. It has been several years of meetings and negotiations that have finally paid off.

Additionally, this project would not have succeeded without the hard work and contributions made by community leaders such as John Willett. As the chairman of one of the original citizen advisory committees, Willett worked with the community to define different alternative alignments for the highway project through the community of Bonita, saving the future of a golf course and Little League parks.

Yes, this is a toll road. But it is arriving 15 years ahead of the Caltrans timetable projected with state funding.

The benefits of this project to our community and the region will clearly outweigh the cost of using the toll road and provide us with alternatives during our travels.

The wait is over, let the celebration begin.

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