

It's Finally Here – South Bay Expressway

South Bay Expressway, the highly anticipated 10-mile state-of-the-art toll road extending from SR 54 in Spring Valley to Otay Mesa Rd./SR 905 near the International Border crossing, today announced it will open to traffic in time for the holidays on Monday, November 19. The opening of South Bay Expressway is a significant regional and national event that will draw officials, press and industry professionals from across the country. The Expressway's opening will be preceded by a weekend of special events.

As a special thank-you to the community for their support, South Bay Expressway is offering an unprecedented promotion: Anyone who opens a FasTrak account with South Bay Expressway will receive FREE UNLIMITED driving on South Bay Expressway until midnight January 13, 2008. Those who have already opened a South Bay Expressway FasTrak account will automatically receive this great deal! To open a FasTrak account visit www.southbayexpressway.com or call (619) 661-7070.

The three-day opening weekend kicks off with a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday morning, November 16 at 10 a.m. State and local dignitaries will speak at the ceremony that will take place at the Birch Road interchange next to the Otay Ranch Town Center.

Saturday, November 17 is the "Grand Opening Celebration" and will begin at 8 a.m. with a 15-mile Cycle Tour and Family Fun Walk/Run, food, bands, children's activities and a classic car show. "We're thrilled to be opening," said

South Bay Expressway CEO Greg Hulsizer. "This road is a long-awaited new transportation service for the local community and the region. We're looking forward to changing the way people travel in the South Bay by providing a reliable, scenic, stress free drive."

Motorists traveling the new highway will be able to take advantage of the latest in high tech toll collection, which allows for tolls to be paid electronically while driving non-stop at highway speeds using a FasTrak electronic transponder mounted on their vehicle.

Long hailed as a missing link in San Diego's freeway network, the Expressway is also expected to reduce traffic congestion on local surface streets and freeways. The highway will serve as an essential transportation asset to the already planned and approved commercial developments and housing communities under construction in the South Bay, one of the fastest growing regions in the country. It will facilitate social and economic activity within and across the South Bay area by making shopping, errands, and travel to friends, family and work faster and more efficient.