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SR-905 Upgrade Receives Stimulus Funding

TRANSPORTATION:

Shovel-Ready Project Wins Competition for Dollars

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A key highway project in the South Bay, state Route 905, was awarded a \$20.2 million grant through funds allocated from the \$787 billion federal stimulus package.

The grant provided sufficient funds to complete the final piece of the long-planned expansion and upgrade to the

connecting road between the Otay Mesa Port of Entry and Interstate 805.

Competition For Stimulus Funds

It wasn't as if the grant money was just given away to every road project that sought stimulus bill funding, says Tina Casgar, policy manager for the San Diego Association of Governments, the regional planning agency that's managing the SR-905 project.

"There was a lot of competition for that money," Casgar said. "For every dollar (the U.S. Department of Transportation) had available, there were \$8 worth of ap-

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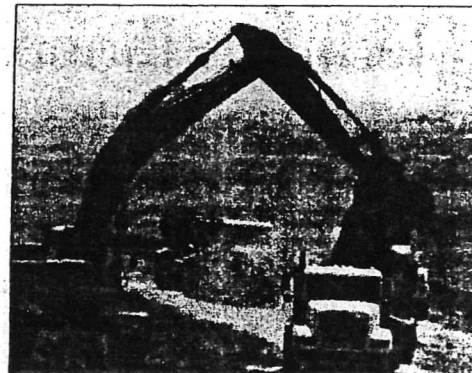


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Construction continues on state Route 905 in Otay Mesa.