

RESOLUTION NO. 217234 DEC 8 1976

WHEREAS, the need for additional border crossings has been the subject of many meetings and discussions by Federal, State, County and City officials since 1970; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the City Council passed Resolution No. 209042 which requested the California Highway Commission to accelerate financing for Route 75 from I-805 to Otay Mesa and proceed with construction of this highway as soon as possible in order to permit an early opening of a new border crossing point on Otay Mesa easterly of Brown Field and the Tijuana Airport; and

WHEREAS, CALTRANS completed Route 75 from I-805 to Otay Mesa this year so a major link in providing access for a new border crossing is completed; and

WHEREAS, during the period from 1971 to 1974 the Federal General Services Administration (GSA) held several meetings with the Federal agencies that would use and operate the new border crossing as well as representatives from CALTRANS, and the City and County; and

WHEREAS, from said meetings, GSA determined that the Federal agencies desired a new border crossing on Otay Mesa and they were prepared to submit a request to Congress for the construction of the facility if the City and County of San Diego would give assurances to GSA that suitable access roads to the new border crossing would be available; and

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WHEREAS, in 1974, The City of San Diego placed a project in the Capital Improvements Program which would improve Otay Mesa road from the end of Route 75 to City limits which is just east of Brown Field and this project is still listed in the FY-77 CIP for design in FY-79 and construction in FY-81; and

WHEREAS, during 1974, the County of San Diego prepared preliminary plans for the improvement of Otay Mesa through the County area and a new road south to the proposed new border crossing; and

WHEREAS, the County also engaged a consultant to prepare an Environmental Impact Report on the entire road system including the portion of Otay Mesa Road in The City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, in early 1975, the Board of Supervisors considered a request from County Department of Transportation for funding the County's portion of the road system and the Environmental Impact Report and it was the Board of Supervisors decision at that time that the building of a new access road to serve a border crossing would be "growth inducing" as was pointed out in the EIR and therefore, rejected the funding of the project; and

WHEREAS, recent conversation with the Federal GSA indicated they are still very anxious to include the construction of a new border crossing on Otay Mesa in their funding request to Congress next fiscal year (October 1977) but cannot do so unless the City and County of San Diego provide assurances that access roads will be provided to the site; NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby requests the Board of Supervisors to take the necessary actions to provide the Federal GSA assurance that a road with limited access to Brown Field and the proposed second border crossing in Otay Mesa will be available through County lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby directed to communicate this request to the Board of Supervisors and to furnish said Board with a certified copy of this resolution.

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