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SANDAG Votes to Buy South Bay Expressway

A public hearing and vote will be held before a final decision is made.

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In a closed session Friday morning, the SANDAG board of directors voted to purchase the lease to operate the state Route 125 toll road for approximately \$345 million.

Opened in 2007, the 10-mile toll road stretches from state Route 905 near the Otay Mesa Port of Entry north through eastern Chula Vista to state Route 54 near the Sweetwater Reservoir.

The board will hold a public hearing during which the details of the purchase and the financing options will be presented and voted on by the board and the public will have the opportunity to comment.

It costs \$4 for a two-axle vehicle to drive the entire length of the [South Bay Expressway](#), or \$3.85 for vehicles with a FasTrak transponder, which pays the toll automatically.

Opened in November 2007, the toll road is owned by the state and was built by a private company, but has struggled with lower-than-expected traffic. In April, a judge approved a Chapter 11 reorganization plan with new debt amounts and structure, and South Bay Expressway LLC was created from the toll road's creditors.

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When this thing was built I said it would fail, It has and now we the taxpayers are going to subsidise it for those that want to use it. I would think that any loss on this deal shouldf be taken by those that built in the first place, But am absolutely sure that they won't suffer the consaquences of their bad planning. They will be bailed out with the taxpayers money once again ! And looking forward you are seeing the exact same bad planning on the new High Speed train experient, It won't work and we will have to bail out those that made the mess !

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