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SOUTH BAY EXPRESSWAY, EDAW AND CALTRANS RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM

(SAN DIEGO – May 23, 2008) – South Bay Expressway, EDAW and Caltrans were honored this week by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) Transportation Development Foundation (TDF) with a Globe Award.

The national award recognizes construction industry excellence in environmental protection and mitigation. South Bay Expressway received the award based on the project's environmental compliance training program, environmental considerations in design and construction, habitat restoration and preservation, public education and community involvement.

“South Bay Expressway and our partners are dedicated to preserving and improving the environment,” said Greg Hulsizer, South Bay Expressway CEO. “This award recognizes the incredible results of our \$32 million investment in the environment and our community.”

“South Bay Expressway's environmental mitigation program is a model for sensitive habitat restoration and preservation,” said Jacqueline Dompe, vice president/principal of EDAW, Inc, the project's environmental consultant. “It is an honor to receive a transportation award that recognizes the importance of environmental planning and sensitivity.”

Unique attributes of South Bay Expressway's environmental mitigation program include:

- More than \$20 million dedicated to preserving and enhancing sensitive habitat, including the mitigation of 1,500 acres of native habitat for multi-species conservation.
- A comprehensive program developed to preserve natural wildlife habitat and corridors, including the building of major long-span bridges over the Sweetwater and Otay Valleys and restoring the river corridor below.

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- The first habitat restoration program for the endangered quino checkerspot butterfly in Johnson Canyon Open Space Preserve.

The Globe Awards luncheon was attended by more than 150 leaders in the transportation construction industry. The luncheon was held in conjunction with the 2008 ARTBA Federal Issues Conference in Washington, D.C.

About South Bay Expressway

South Bay Expressway is a 10-mile express toll road that extends from SR-54 in Spring Valley to SR-905 near the International Border Crossing. This exciting, new transportation alternative offers a fast, reliable and scenic drive, every time. The new connection provides convenient access to Downtown, Sorrento Valley, I-8, I-15 North, Otay Mesa and Mexico. The construction of this first class express toll road was made possible through an innovative public/private partnership, and is one of the first roads of its kind in California and the U.S. For more information, visit www.southbayexpressway.com.

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