

**2006-2007  
ASUCSD Resolution # 09  
February 14, 2007**

**Submitted By:** Harry Khanna, President

**Subject:** Resolution Opposing the Construction of the Foothill-South Toll Road through San Onofre State Park

The A.S. Council approved the Resolution Opposing the Construction of the Foothill-South Toll Road through San Onofre State Park Document attached.

Approved: Consensus  
Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Approval;  
Certified by:

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Chair of the Council

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Date

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President of the Council

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Date

Prepared by Kerry Kassam  
Advocate General ASUCSD

Resolution:

Opposing the Construction of the Foothill-South Toll Road through San Onofre State Park

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of California, San Diego, herein referred to as the ASUCSD, values the protection of San Diego's remaining natural beauty;

Whereas, State Parks are established to protect and preserve natural beauty, wildlife and historical sites;

Whereas, San Onofre State Park is leased for 50 years by the California State Park System from the United States Navy;

Whereas, California Governor Ronald Reagan established San Onofre State Park in 1971, and said of it: "The greatest legacies we can leave to future generations is the heritage of our land, but unless we can preserve and protect the unspoiled areas which God has given us, we will have nothing to leave them";

Whereas, Governor Reagan further stated that "as stewards of this land, we must use it judiciously and with a great sense of responsibility;"

Whereas, San Onofre State Park is visited by 2.5 million people annually, including UC San Diego students;

Whereas, San Onofre State Park occupies the last undeveloped coastal valley south of Laguna Beach in California;

Whereas, beaches and their surrounding parks are one of San Diego County's most valuable and iconic resources;

Whereas, San Onofre State Park is the site of the famous surfing beach Trestle Beach;

Whereas, the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) sponsored plan to build the Foothill-South Toll Road through San Onofre State Park would permanently close 60% of the park;

Whereas, building the Foothill-South Toll Road would force the closure of 161 campsites within San Onofre State Park;

Whereas, Outback Adventures, one of UC San Diego's most successful recreation programs, routinely utilizes the campsites at San Onofre State Park;

Whereas, the Foothill-South Toll Road would irreparably damage a Native American site protected by state law;

Whereas, the Foothill-South would damage the habitats of threatened and endangered species;

Whereas, building a toll-road through a state park is unprecedented in the State of California;

Whereas, the Orange County Transportation Agency (OCTA) has determined that the Foothill-South Toll Road will not significantly reduce traffic congestion on Interstate 5, its primary purpose;

Whereas, expanding the existing Interstate 5 is a viable alternative to building the Foothill-South Toll Road; and

Whereas, the TCA has failed to adequately study the environmental impacts of the toll-road, and is therefore in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act;

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, that ASUCSD disapproves of the decision made by the TCA to build a toll-road through San Onofre State Park; and be it

*Resolved*, that ASUCSD urges the TCA to reconsider its plan to build a toll-road; and be it

*Resolved*, that ASUCSD urges the State of California's elected representatives to help prevent the construction of the Foothill-South; and be it

*Resolved*, that the ASUCSD recommends the TCA to investigate alternative traffic alleviating solutions that do not violate and irreparably damage California's limited natural beauty and wildlife; and be it,

*Further Resolved*, that ASUCSD commends the California Attorney General for filing lawsuits against the TCA and its board of directors on behalf of the people of the State of California.