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**Councilmember Alvarez and Community Celebrate Otay
Mesa Road Sidewalk Funding**

SAN DIEGO, CA. Councilmember David Alvarez joined community members today to celebrate securing the final funding needed to complete the sidewalk between Otay Mesa and San Ysidro.

“A sidewalk in this location is vital to the students that use this route to go to and from school,” said Alvarez. “The community has been advocating for the construction of this sidewalk for far too long. For the entire time I have been in office, this has been and continues to be one of my top priorities.”

San Ysidro High School students currently walk to school on a dirt path along a steep canyon. The section of roadway is about 2,400 feet long, with one lane in each direction and sharp turns. A safe pedestrian pathway for students to walk to school has been promised by San Diego city officials and area developers since the San Ysidro High School opened in 2002. Many San Ysidro residents and students, organized by social services agency Casa Familiar, have had monthly community walks to demand that the city to fulfill its promise of building a safe pathway for students.

After many years of delays, Councilmember Alvarez guided the Otay Mesa Public Facilities Financing Plan to Council approval on March 11, providing the necessary funding for this project to move forward. The project includes installation of sidewalks, curb, gutter, guardrail, curb ramps, retaining walls, streetlights, striping, and a street structural section. Installation will be on both sides of Otay Mesa Road. The anticipated start date for this project is Spring of 2015.

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Alvarez is the Councilmember for the Eighth Council District of the City of San Diego and is Chair of the City Council's Committee on the Environment.

