



## New legislation needed to pave the way for High Desert Corridor

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WASHINGTON • To help make the \$4.5 billion High Desert Corridor linking Palmdale and Apple Valley a reality, 1st District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt spent Monday in Washington, D.C. calling for legislation that will allow for a unique partnership between the public and private sectors.

Officials are also asking for access to more federal dollars and the ability to make the expressway also known as the E-220 into a toll road — a funding mechanism that's now only allowed for bridges, tunnels and completely new construction projects.

“The High Desert Corridor will benefit all of Southern California by providing a new route for freight movement, which will create more than 42,000 jobs in the High Desert,” Mitzelfelt said. “However, if we rely solely on public funding, it will be decades before this critical project can be built. We need to use innovative financing in partnership with the private sector, and we need federal legislation that will allow us to move forward.”

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