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**Bob Filner Scores  
Big For South  
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## **Congressman Bob Filner Goes to Bat for South Bay Projects - Hits Home Run!**

*\$990,000 will go toward Public Transit, Flood Control, Hospital Renovation, and National City Boys and Girls Club*

Congressman Bob Filner announced today that he has secured nearly \$1 million in federal funding for a variety of South Bay projects. At Congressman Filner's request, the funds were included in the Federal Omnibus Appropriations bill. The bill was recently signed into law by the President.

To address the exploding demand for mass transit in the South Bay, Congressman Filner obtained \$500,000 for a project that will use a new type of bus in a high-demand corridor. "With the

tremendous growth of the South Bay, traffic congestion is leaping to the top of everyone's list of concerns," said Congressman Filner.

"We've identified a great corridor where efficient transit is needed," said Tom Larwin, General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board. "The funds Bob acquired will serve as seed money for this project." To support flood control projects in the South Bay, Congressman Filner obtained \$300,000 for the Tijuana River Valley Riparian Corridor. In 1993, a flood

resulted in the loss of several lives and \$25 million in property damage. The current phase of the ongoing project will enhance wildlife habitats, restore agricultural acreage, and create recreational opportunities — while at the same time protecting against personal property damage and loss of life.

"We're not only protecting the wildlife of the South Bay, we're protecting the people — and giving them a place to relax and enjoy the outdoors," said Congressman Filner. "Bob has been a true

friend," said David Gomez, President of the Tia Juana Valley County Water District. "This is another example of how his hard work directly benefits the people he represents."

To help expand the Emergency Room facilities at Paradise Valley Hospital, Congressman Filner obtained \$100,000. "Each year we see tens of thousands of patients in our Emergency Department," said Tim Patten, Vice President at the Hospital