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Elizabeth Goldstein, President of the California State Parks Foundation, today released the following statement welcoming Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Corona) and Assemblymember Van Tran (R-Orange County) to tour the site of a proposed six-lane toll road through San Onofre State Beach:

We're delighted to welcome Congressman Calvert and Assemblymember Tran today to the site of the proposed six-lane toll road that would ruin San Onofre State Beach and Trestles Beach, where California's surfing history began.

We recommend Messrs. Calvert and Tran add two stops to their itinerary today, to give the media a full picture of the negative impacts of this bad idea:

San Mateo Campground is a must-see. Check out the 161 campsites that will be closed. If you're lucky, you can meet one of the hundreds of families who use this very campground each year.

And if you check out **campsites 69-73**, you will be closest to the proposed 16-foot-tall soundwall, which proponents of the toll road say will "change" the camping experience. (But who doesn't enjoy camping up against a 16-foot soundwall?)

From **Trestles Beach overlook** you can see how close the toll road will come to the beach, ruining the experience for thousands of families and surfers each year, and degrading surfing conditions as well as water quality in the entire park watershed. Be sure to check out the view up the San Mateo Canyon, where the six-lane toll road will come racing through.

This is also a great spot from which to recall then-Gov. Ronald Reagan's prominent role in creating this park, which is now the fifth-most visited State Beach. And while here, recall Gov. Reagan's statement from April 3, 1971:

"I firmly believe one of 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. This expanse of acreage, San Onofre Bluffs State Beach, now has its future guaranteed as an official state park. However, its preservation still remains with those who use the park. As stewards of this land, we must use it judiciously and with a great sense of responsibility."

Enjoy your day! And don't forget to bring sunscreen. This issue is heating up.