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Over the months of March and April 2007, I researched the history of the international development of the Inter-American Highway, and its local effects and history in the town of San Isidro Del General in Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica. The focus of this study was to understand how the introduction of the Inter-American Highway in the 1940s into the under-developed rural region affected development, and to evaluate the long-term success of the original development goals following the highway's construction. Using literature review, interviews, assessment of aerial photography, and personal observation, this study uses a historical approach to evaluate the limits to transportation in regional development.