Chair Patricia McCoy (South County) called the Borders Committee meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance. Since a quorum was not present, no action was taken.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair McCoy informed the Committee that a card would be passed around for everyone’s signature. Vice Chair Victor Carrillo (Imperial County) is recuperating from heart bypass surgery.

Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego) told the Committee he had spoken with Vice Chair Carrillo, who thanked them for the flowers.

Approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2006, meeting was postponed as a quorum was not present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments, communications, or member comments at this time.

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 3 - 4)

3. OTAY MESA – MESA DE OTAY BINATIONAL CORRIDOR STRATEGIC PLAN: INSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL PROCESS IN THE CITY OF TIJUANA (INFORMATION)

Chair McCoy commended Elisa Arias, Principal Planner, and her staff for their work with Mexico. She said the item was historic, in that it is the first time a project has been worked on in tandem with Mexico. Chair McCoy asked Hector Vanegas, Borders Program Manager, to monitor the progress of the project, as she is concerned about the governmental changes in Mexico.

Ms. Arias said Borders staff was pleased that binational planning would be incorporated into the institutional framework at the municipal level in the city of Tijuana. Her understanding was that the policies, goals and objectives of the Plan will be incorporated into the updated Tijuana Municipal Plan. She hopes the policies will move forward as the upcoming administrations take over. It is an important step, as this is the first time the process has been institutionalized.
Mr. Vanegas added that it has been a very interesting experience.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

4. REPORT ON THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES (INFORMATION)

Chair McCoy noted that the report on the first meeting of the Interagency Technical Working Group for Tribal Transportation Issues was included in the agenda packet on consent. This is an ongoing Working Group. The Committee was unable to vote as a quorum was not present.

Supervisor Cox informed the Committee that the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health transferred $50 thousand worth of hazardous materials equipment and supplies to the City of Tijuana, as part of a $5 million settlement from Shell Oil. The County Department of Environmental Health conducts four to five joint training exercises per year with Mexico regarding the handling of hazardous environmental incidents and has a 20-year history of sharing information, training and resources.

Chair McCoy added that one of the benefits of the Borders Committee is that it provides an opportunity to interface with Mexico.

Chair McCoy welcomed Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association (SCTCA) representative, Chairman Lee Acebedo (Jamul) to the meeting. She reported that one of the issues raised by tribal leaders at the 2006 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit was the need to address the issue of seeking equitable and effective representation for the federally recognized tribal governments in the region and SANDAG. SANDAG and SCTCA leadership have been meeting to discuss possible solutions. A mutually acceptable proposal was developed that would add the SCTCA to the SANDAG Board of Directors as an advisory member, as well as adding SCTCA advisory seats to the Transportation, Regional Planning and Public Safety Committees. The proposal was approved unanimously by the SANDAG Executive Committee. It was discussed by the SCTCA Board at their meeting in November. The proposal is being forwarded for approval to both the SANDAG and SCTCA Boards in December. The Tribal Chairs sitting on the SANDAG Board and Policy Advisory Committees would be representing this intertribal council.

Chairman Acebedo commented that every opportunity the tribes have to work with SANDAG and other governments is a major step in opening the door of communication and cooperation. The MOU will be presented to the SCTCA Board for approval on December 19, 2006. They look forward to developing and improving their relationship with SANDAG and local communities.

Chair McCoy indicated that she worked most of the summer with the SANDAG Executive Committee, Chief Deputy Executive Director Diane Eidam and SCTCA Chairman Robert Smith (Pala) on this effort. Chair McCoy thanked Jane Clough-Riquelme, SANDAG’s Tribal Liaison for her work also.

Action: This item was presented for information only.
REPORTS (Items 5 – 6)

5. 2007 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) WHITE PAPER: INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (DISCUSSION)

The RTP White Paper focuses on current interregional and future travel patterns between San Diego, Riverside, Orange, and Imperial Counties. It does not, however, include binational crossborder or tribal issues, as they are addressed in separate White Papers.

Heather Werdick, Senior Planner reported that the White Paper was discussed at the previous Stakeholders Working Group meeting and the City/County Transportation Advisory Committee. On January 19, 2007, it will be presented to the Transportation Committee meeting to be accepted and included in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

The objectives of the RTP White Paper are:

- To assess current interregional travel conditions;
- Identify current and future multimodal transportation needs that facilitate interregional travel;
- Identify potential projects and solutions to address future needs; and
- Evaluate potential traditional and innovative funding sources to advance implementation of transportation infrastructure.

The goal of the SANDAG Borders Program is to establish interregional partnerships with each of the neighboring jurisdictions; identify issues of common concern, develop strategies for improving the mobility of residents, and promote strategies that allow people to live closer to where they work.

In 2004, The San Diego/Riverside I-15 Interregional Partnership (I-15 IRP) developed short and long-term strategies addressing the causes and effects due to the increasing number of interregional commute trips in the corridor.

In 2005, SANDAG received a grant for Phase II of the I-15 IRP to pursue medium term strategies identified in Phase I of the project. The emphasis of Phase II was the implementation of specific transportation, economic development and housing, and land use strategies. The goal of the strategy was to identify efforts to provide moderate income or workforce housing in San Diego, and identify opportunities for incorporating Smart Growth concepts and planning for a variety of housing choices in Riverside County. The housing strategy will be completed as a part of a future Phase III IRP activity.

Currently, transportation planners in Orange County are developing the South Orange County Major Investment Study. This study will evaluate multimodal transportation alternatives for improvement of travel from the San Diego County line to south of the Costa Mesa Freeway at State Route (SR) 55.

The Imperial Valley Association of Governments (IVAG) recently received a Caltrans grant to develop a Strategic Plan to address transportation issues that exist in the San Diego and Imperial County region. The project will identify issues and establish goals and objectives
relating to interregional strategies in the areas of transportation, housing, and employment.

Primary project implementation challenges include shortfalls of traditional funding sources for infrastructure and operations and interregional coordination and collaboration with the numerous local, regional, and state agencies.

The 2007 RTP recommends:

- That the RTP assume the projected growth expected in Riverside, Imperial, and Orange counties.
- Consideration be given to using toll revenue bonds to advance construction of additional lanes on I-5 and I-15, although feasibility studies would need to be evaluated whether these facilities could be built using toll revenue bonds.
- The RTP should incorporate recommendations from the I-15 Managed Lane Bus Rapid Transit Operations Plan.
- Consideration be given to additional funding and better coordination for vanpool programs.
- Work relating to the interregional partnerships would continue outside the RTP development process.

In the future, it is recommended that SANDAG continue to work with Riverside County. Potential Phase III activities could include the San Diego/Riverside Interregional Transit, Vanpool, and Buspool Study and additional activities related to the implementation of economic development and housing strategies. SANDAG should also continue to develop and build interregional partnerships with Imperial and Orange counties.

Councilmember Phil Monroe (South County) observed significant growth in the areas. He questioned the 2030 numbers for Imperial County on the charts.

Ms Werdick replied the numbers are from a recent traffic model, but offered to double check the numbers for 2030. She added that the 1989 and 2005 are actual count numbers.

Councilmember Monroe suggested checking the Imperial County Master Plan. He also asked that the Tijuana border area be added to the chart.

Ms. Werdick said that the Tijuana, Mexico commuting numbers were discussed in the Crossborder Transportation White Paper. She stated that although they’re not discussed in both White Papers, they will be linked and connected when the RTP is developed.

District Director Pedro Orso Delgado (Caltrans) added that presently an interregional study between Riverside and San Diego is being performed and a similar study on the Imperial and San Diego counties will begin soon.

City of Huntington Beach Councilmember Debbie Cook (County of Orange) shared that Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has hired a consultant to assist in future forecasting, developing policy objectives, goals, etc. in regards to their Regional Transportation Plan.
Chair McCoy noted the importance of looking at future alternatives.

Councilmember Monroe asked if the information from Orange County could be included in a presentation to the Transportation Committee as he felt it was very important information for the RTP. He thanked Councilmember Cook for her input.

Councilmember Cook replied that she would have a member of staff draft up information for SANDAG.

Chair McCoy concurred it was an excellent idea.

Councilmember Monroe asked if Ms. Werdick could include the Orange County information in the Transportation Committee briefing.

Ms. Werdick affirmed that the Orange County information can be added into the White Paper.

Chair McCoy welcomed Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland) to the meeting at 1 p.m., and thanked Ms. Werdick for her report.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

6. INTERSTATE 15 (I-15) INTERREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP (IRP) UPDATE – CALTRANS DISTRICTS 8 AND 11 COOPERATIVE I-15 COUNTY LINE STUDY DRAFT (INFORMATION)

Deputy District Director Bill Figge (Caltrans) presented the draft working document which examines the I-15 corridor study area on both sides of the San Diego county line. It is a joint effort of two Caltrans districts, District 11 (Imperial and San Diego counties), and District 8 (San Bernardino and Riverside counties), including studies from Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), SANDAG, Riverside Transit Agency (RTA), and SCAG. The draft report will be taken to the Policy Committee in January, 2007, where it will be finalized.

The study examined the growth occurring in the corridor, the regional context of the traffic projections, the known program projects that are in place, funding availability, and perceived needs of the corridor. The study also presented options and potential staging of a wide-ranging array of projects, to incorporate into the respective RTPs.

Primary goals of the study included investigating ways to increase “person” trip mobility within the corridor, not just vehicles; researching modal choices and ways to improve the efficiency of the corridor; and making certain there was coordination not only in the development of project programming, but also in the development of the corridor.

An expected 80% increase in population is expected in the study area between 2000 and 2030, and it more than doubles in the Riverside area. Housing is expected to increase by about 87%, with a tripling in housing units in the Riverside area. Employment will increase 80%, however, the types of jobs in Riverside County are not the type that the commuters traveling the I-15 corridor hold. Growth’s effect on the I-15 will add 250,000 vehicles or more per day.
Caltrans developed four categories as options for a multimodal approach to the corridor. They include:

- **Capacity enhancing** – the addition of general purpose lanes, HOV lanes, managed lanes and toll lanes.
- **Transit improvements** – increase transit service, BRT service.
- **Operational improvements** – short-term improvements that would be in the nature of adding auxiliary lanes or interchange improvements.
- **ITS & TDM activities** – ways to manage the system better and utilize efforts to try to reduce demand to a certain extent through ride sharing, vanpooling and providing additional transportation system management tools, i.e. installing a reversible facility (moveable barrier) in the corridor.

Potential funding sources in Riverside County include:

- A sales tax measure which allows for the expansion of I-15 by adding two general purpose lanes and one HOV lane in each direction from the San Diego County line north, including improvements to the 215.
- The developer contribution program which contributes to arterial improvements and could apply to interchange improvements.
- Federal and state funding and potential toll funding.

Councilmember Monroe asked if the voters of Riverside County were promised construction of two general purpose and four HOV lanes to the border when TransNet was passed.

Mr. Figge replied he did not know the options exactly.

Councilmember Monroe thought it would be important to brief some of the other groups, find out if promises were made to the voters, and assess the options and funding regarding the additional lanes.

District Director Pedro Orso Delgado (Caltrans) stated he believed that, although they don’t have an Early Action Program yet, the RCTC is in the process of setting up their priorities and plan of finance. Also, anything north of the city of Temecula will probably be a higher priority than south of Temecula, from an EAP (Early Action Program) type of program. It is unknown, however, at this time when the process will be completed.

Councilmember Monroe asked if they had constrained and unconstrained versions.

Mr. Figge answered that the unconstrained version of the RTP includes the two HOV lanes. Riverside County is looking towards Caltrans District 8 to complete their project study reports for the corridor to determine the costs, which will help guide them in terms of deciding which project to go forward with.

Councilmember Monroe said Mr. Orso-Delgado’s input was helpful. He reiterated the importance of finding out what was promised to the voters.

Ms. Werdick informed the Committee of a phone call she received from City of Lake Elsinore Councilmember Thomas Buckley (Riverside County) earlier, in which he expressed his support of the I-15 County Line study and is looking forward to discussing “next steps” with
San Diego in order to advance the projects and making sure there isn’t a “disconnect” at the county line. During the conversation, Ms. Werdick reminded Councilmember Buckley of the study going back to the Joint Policy Committee in January to be discussed further.

Chair McCoy asked about the “next steps” for this item.

Mr. Figge replied that the item will go back to the Policy Committee in January for approval.

Chair McCoy remarked about the importance of this project.

**Action**: This item was presented for information only.

7. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2007, at 12:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet
# CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
**BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 8, 2006**

**12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

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| County of Riverside | City of Lake Elsinore          | Thomas Buckley                    | Member           | ✓         |
| Republic of Mexico | Consul General of Mexico        | Luis Cabrera Cuaron              | Member           | ✓         |
|                   | Deputy Consul                   | Ricardo Pineda                   |                  | ✓         |
|                   | Deputy Consul                   | Lydia Antonio                    |                  | ✓         |
| Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association | Pala | Robert Smith                     | Member           | ✓         |
|                   | Pauma                            | Christopher Devers               | Alternate        | ✓         |
|                   | Jamul                            | Lee Acebedo                      | Alternate        | ✓         |
| Caltrans          | ----                              | Pedro Orso-Delgado               | Member           | ✓         |
|                   | ----                              | Bill Figge                       | Alternate        | ✓         |
| San Diego County Water Authority | ---- | Howard Williams                  | Member           | ✓         |
| County of Orange  | ----                              | Debbie Cook                      | Member           | ✓         |