

San Diego Association of Governments
BORDERS COMMITTEE

October 18, 2002

AGENDA REPORT NO.: **2**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MEETING SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2002

The September 20, 2002 meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair Crystal Crawford (North County Coastal). Committee members in attendance were Patricia McCoy (South County), Hal Martin (North County Inland), and Ralph Inzunza (City of San Diego); and alternates Carol McCauley (North County Coastal), and Phil Monroe (South County). Ex-Officio members in attendance were Thomas Buckley (County of Riverside), Francisco Anza (Republic of Mexico), and Pedro Orso-Delgado (Caltrans).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Crystal Crawford welcomed the Committee members and guests to the meeting and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

2. MEETING SUMMARY OF AUGUST 7, 2002

A motion and second was made to approve the August 7, 2002 Borders Committee minutes. There were no changes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments were made.

CONSENT

4. COMMITTEE ON BINATIONAL REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

COBRO Chair Elsa Saxod reported on the August 6, 2002 COBRO meeting.

5. STAFF REPORT

SANDAG Legal Counsel was present to respond to any questions regarding the legislative update on Senate Bill 1731(Polanco). The Committee received the information.

REPORTS

6. CHAIR AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

Chair Crystal Crawford announced that Commissioner Ernesto Ruffo will be attending the September 27, 2002 Board of Directors' meeting. She also added that the Binational Bridges and Border Crossings conference will take place in San Diego from September 30th through October 2nd, and that SANDAG would be participating in the public presentations of October 1st. She reported that there was no new news regarding the Imperial Valley water transfer to San Diego, but she has close communication with both sides.

7. REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (Hon. Lori Pfeiler, Chair of the Regional Planning Committee)

Chair Crystal Crawford introduced Regional Planning Committee Chair Lori Pfeiler to present the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Pfeiler gave a presentation on the Committee's goals and progress to date.

Borders Committee members discussed the following issues, as they relate to border issues:

- Availability of water – working with San Diego County Water Authority
- Availability of affordable housing
- Availability of jobs
- Sufficient transportation systems
- Regional coordination
- Impact of smart growth
- Cross border modeling program
- Importance of keeping respective City Councils informed

A joint meeting in January with the Regional Planning Committee and Borders Committee was proposed to help formulate a vision for the Borders related component of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The Borders Committee should provide a draft outline of the Borders chapter for the January joint meeting.

The Chair requested that staff prepare, for approval at the October meeting, a schematic of possible models for how the Borders Committee could proceed with a visioning process.

8. 2002 COBRO ANNUAL CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS (Elsa Saxod, Chair of COBRO)

COBRO Chair, Elsa Saxod, presented the 2002 COBRO Annual Conference recommendations. The Committee unanimously approved that the COBRO recommendations be forwarded to the Board of Directors:

- Recognize the importance of addressing border infrastructure needs and financing, and authorize the inclusion of these issues in regional plans such as the Regional Comprehensive Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan.

- Authorize the Borders Committee to brief the region's federal and state elected representatives and border agencies on local border infrastructure needs.
- Authorize the Borders Committee to help expedite the formation of the Binational Energy Forum.

The staff proposed Monday, October 28, 2002 for a workshop on border Issues, including a tour of the international border.

Council Member Inzunza made suggestions for stops and issues to be considered for the tour:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the triple fence ▪ Smuggler's Gulch ▪ sewage through Tijuana River Valley ▪ secondary treatment issue ▪ Brown Field ▪ I-905 expansion ▪ Railway link | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inter-modal station ▪ SR 11 expansion ▪ Cross-border traffic ▪ Virginia Avenue crossing ▪ possible second tour in December ▪ break tour into 2 parts; U.S. side one day and Mexican side another day |
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A motion and second were made to approve the recommendation to hold a tour of the border on October 28th. The motion passed unanimously.

9. BORDERS COMMITTEE SIX MONTH REVIEW (Hector Vanegas, Staff)

Staff reported on progress from the past six months and distributed a revised timeline for projects. Members commented on the education process and the increased communication with the borders' communities over the last six months. The Committee recommended that this report should be presented at the next SANDAG Board of Directors' meeting.

10. I-15 INTERREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP (Jeff Martin)

Staff reported on I-15 Interregional Partnership. Final results of the survey will be presented at the IRP meeting in Escondido in October.

Members discussed related issues:

- Concentration of commuters on I-15 is between San Diego and Temecula/Murietta area.
- Most commuters are not willing to relocate from that area unless they were able to get better home value.
- Jobs are in the San Diego region and, therefore, they are willing to commute.

11. NEXT MEETING TOPICS, DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting will be on Friday, October 18, 2002 from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. in Escondido in the Mitchell Room at City Hall.