

San Diego Association of Governments  
**BORDERS COMMITTEE**

March 26, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

**BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2010**

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair Patricia McCoy (South County) at 12:31 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

Chair McCoy acknowledged City of Oceanside Mayor Jim Wood, the alternate representative from North County Coastal; City of Poway Deputy Mayor Karl Cruse, the alternate representative from North County Inland; and, welcomed Charles "Muggs" Stoll, the new Director of SANDAG's Land Use and Transportation Planning Department.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember John Minto (East County) and a second by Councilmember Crystal Crawford (North County Coastal), the Borders Committee approved the minutes from the November 20, 2009 meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Action: There were no comments/communications.

**CONSENT (ITEM #3)**

3. AGENDA FOR THE 2010 SAN DIEGO REGIONAL TRIBAL SUMMIT (INFORMATION)

SANDAG included in its Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Budget and Overall Work Program the convening of a Tribal Summit as a component of the tribal consultation process for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). An ad hoc task force composed of elected officials from the Borders Committee and the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) has helped develop a draft agenda for this event. On January 8, 2010, the Executive Committee approved the proposed agenda for the 2010 Tribal Summit, which would be held on April 9, 2010.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Crawford, the Borders Committee approved Consent Item No. 3.

## **REPORT ITEMS (#4 through #7)**

### 4. PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE 2010 SANDAG ANNUAL BINATIONAL EVENT (ACCEPT)

Since 1997, SANDAG has organized an annual event to address binational topics. Paul Ganster, Chair, Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO), reported that in preparation for the 2010 binational event, COBRO set up a task force which identified issues for discussion. COBRO members recommended that the event be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, focus on discussing potential impacts to transportation infrastructure due to climate change, possible strategies to adapt to these impacts, and to provide input for the preparation of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Action: Upon a motion by Council President Ben Hueso (City of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Crawford, the Borders Committee unanimously accepted COBRO's recommendation that the 2010 binational event be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, following the format of the 2009 event as a binational seminar focusing on local binational climate change adaptation strategies, and to provide input for the preparation of the 2050 RTP.

### 5. FINAL COMPREHENSIVE FREIGHT GATEWAY STUDY (DISCUSSION)

Christina Casgar, Goods Movement Policy Manager, reported on the findings of the Comprehensive Freight Gateway Study, including forecast freight volumes out to the year 2050 for both Imperial and San Diego Counties.

Consul General Remedios Gómez-Arnau (Republic of Mexico) stated that information contained in the study will be distributed to individuals in Mexico's Embassy in Washington D.C. and Foreign Affairs Ministry in Mexico City.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

### 6. MEXICO'S BICENTENNIAL PORT OF ENTRY SYSTEM IN TIJUANA (INFORMATION)

Carlos Lopez, Director of Regional and Urban Planning, Secretariat of Infrastructure and Urban Development of the State of Baja California (SIDUE, in Spanish), provided an overview of Mexico's new southbound pedestrian crossing and plans for a multimodal transportation facility that will be located in Tijuana on the eastern side of the San Ysidro – Puerta México Port of Entry. Mr. Lopez reported that the "Sistema Puerta Bicentenario" is comprised of three projects: El Chaparral (south of Virginia Avenue); Puerta México (south of the current San Ysidro Port of Entry); and, Puerta México Este (south of the Trolley Station and next to the Tijuana-Tecate rail line). The executive design for these three

projects will be completed in 2010. The plans for El Chaparral include the addition of a north-south pedestrian crossing, approximately 19 new southbound inspection booths, and two new vehicular bridges, which will begin construction in April 2010. The Puerta México (San Ysidro Port of Entry) will have the addition of approximately 30 northbound lanes, including eight new SENTRI lanes, and northbound pedestrian facilities. The conceptual design for Puerta México Este includes a new southbound pedestrian crossing, office and commercial buildings, a multimodal transportation facility consisting of taxis, buses, and a connection to the rail facilities. Phase II, would link these facilities to bus rapid transit or light rail. Diplomatic Notes regarding the new north-south pedestrian crossing at Puerta México Este are in progress and all parcels of land necessary for the renovations to the area are either in the process of being acquired or have been acquired.

Mr. Ramon Riesgo of the National Office of Design and Construction (U.S. General Services Administration [GSA]) informed GSA has been notified via Diplomatic Note regarding the pedestrian crossing at the Trolley station. It will be part of Phase I and money has been secured; however, they still need to pinpoint the location. The Diplomatic Note also requires the United States to open a north- and southbound pedestrian crossing on the west side. As this is not part of Phase I, additional funding will have to be secured and environmental studies initiated to begin planning for this project. The United States hopes that diplomatically, an agreement can be reached so this will not slow down the project.

Council President Hueso (City of San Diego) expressed his interest in the Borders Committee drafting a letter of support for the new pedestrian crossings located on the east and west sides of the facility.

Councilmember Crawford suggested that the General Services Administration (GSA) report on the progress at the border at a future meeting.

Councilmember Minto asked if there had been any budget changes.

Mr. Riesgo stated no changes have been made. The project continues to be comprised of three stand alone funded phases.

Chairman Chris Devers, Pauma Band of Mission Indians (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association) asked if Mexico has a process, such as the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), they follow when they find archaeological artifacts.

Mr. Lopez stated Mexico has a process they follow which is very similar to NAGPRA.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

7. PLANS FOR A FUTURE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM IN TIJUANA (INFORMATION)

Jorge Gutiérrez, Deputy City Manager, City of Tijuana, reported on the progress made on the planning of a mass transit system for the City of Tijuana, including two main routes connecting the San Ysidro-Puerta México and the Otay Mesa – Mesa de Otay Ports of Entry to the southeastern and southwestern portions of the city and relayed recent news that the project's funding was recently approved by the federal transportation committee.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is the Joint Meeting with the Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO) and the City of Tijuana, scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2010  
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING	
				Yes	No
South County	City of Imperial Beach	Patricia McCoy (Chair)	Member	✓	
	City of Chula Vista	Rudy Ramirez	Alternate	✓	
North County Coastal	City of Del Mar	Crystal Crawford	Member	✓	
	City of Oceanside	Jim Wood	Alternate		✓
North County Inland	City of Escondido	Sam Abed	Member	✓	
	City of Poway	Carl Kruse	Alternate		✓
East County	City of Santee	John Minto	Member	✓	
	City of La Mesa	David Allan	Alternate	✓	
City of San Diego	----	Ben Hueso	Member	✓	
	----	Sherri Lightner	Alternate		✓
County of San Diego	----	Greg Cox (Vice Chair)	Member	✓	
	----	Pam Slater-Price	Alternate	✓	
Imperial County	County of Imperial	Wally Leimgruber	Member		✓
	City of Calexico	David Ouzan	Alternate		✓
COBRO	----	Dr. Paul Ganster	Member	✓	
	----	Cindy Gompper-Graves	Alternate		✓
	---	Angelika Villagrana	Alternate	✓	
County of Riverside	City of Lake Elsinore	Thomas Buckley	Member		✓
Republic of Mexico	Consul General of Mexico	Remedios Gomez-Arnau	Member	✓	
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Martha Rosas	Alternate		✓
	Consul	Lydia Antonio	Alternate		✓
	Consular Officer	Elvira Felix	Alternate		✓

Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Pauma	Chris Devers	Member	✓	
	Mesa Grande	Mark Romero	Alternate		✓
	SCTCA	Denis Turner	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate		✓
Caltrans		Laurie Berman	Member	✓	
		Bill Figge	Alternate	✓	
San Diego County Water Authority		Elsa Saxod	Member		✓
		Howard Williams	Alternate	✓	
SCAG		Rich Macias	Member		✓
		Mathew Gleason	Alternate	✓	
County of Orange	City of San Clemente	Jim Dahl	Member	✓	
		Bill Campbell	Alternate		✓