

San Diego Association of Governments

BORDERS COMMITTEE

April 23, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

**JOINT MEETING OF THE BORDERS COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE ON BINATIONAL
REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (COBRO), AND THE CITY OF TIJUANA**

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2010

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair Patricia McCoy (South County) at 12:32 p.m., and self introductions were conducted. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego) and a second by Council President Ben Hueso (City of San Diego), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the February 26, 2010, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Elma Acosta (City of Tijuana) read a prepared statement regarding present border conditions and their impact on individuals wishing to cross the border.

Chair McCoy requested that staff provide an English translation of the statement.

CONSENT (ITEM #3)

e+3. REPORT FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO (INFORMATION)

Hon. Remedios Gómez-Arnau, Consulate General of Mexico, in San Diego provided the first in a series of periodic reports focusing on areas of mutual interest that contribute to the Borders Committee dialogue. The report highlighted growth in surface transportation trade between Mexico and the United States and Canada.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

REPORT ITEMS (#4 through #7)

4. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP): DRAFT TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION WHITE PAPER (DISCUSSION)

In preparation for the 2050 RTP and as part of the process of tribal consultation, the Interagency Tribal Transportation Technical Working Group has developed a background paper on tribal transportation issues which will serve as support for the policy discussions at the 2010 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit. This paper was reviewed by the Working Group at its March 17, meeting.

Chairman Mark Romero (Mesa Grande), Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA), introduced the item and Jane Clough-Riquelme, Senior Regional Planner (SANDAG), presented the highlights of the paper.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

5. OTAY MESA – MESA DE OTAY BINATIONAL CORRIDOR STRATEGIC PLAN: 2010 DRAFT PROGRESS REPORT

- e+ a. Otay Mesa – Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor Strategic Plan: 2010 Draft Progress Report (DISCUSSION)

Ron Saenz, Associate Regional Planner (SANDAG), and Luis Duarte, Director, Instituto Municipal de Planeación (IMPlan), provided progress reports on the implementation of key actions included in the Otay Mesa – Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor Strategic Plan in the areas of transportation, economic development, housing, and environment.

Mr. Duarte informed that IMPlan is currently developing executive projects for the Alamar area and planning has begun for the modernization of the Mesa de Otay I port of entry (POE) and implementation of the Mesa de Otay II POE. He reported on the planned mass transit system, which consists of two main routes connecting the ports of entry with other areas. He also said the City of Tijuana approved its first environmental conservation declaration in the border area of Cañón Los Sauces.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

- b. Briefing on State Route 11 (SR 11)/Otay Mesa East POE Financial Strategy (INFORMATION)

SANDAG, in cooperation with Caltrans, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), and other stakeholders, is developing the new Otay Mesa East POE and associated transportation network, including SR 11. Marney Cox, Chief Economist (SANDAG), provided an update on efforts to develop the project's financial strategy.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

6. ANALYSIS OF BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES, NOW AND TO 2030 (INFORMATION)

The Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) and the North American Development Bank (NADB) were created in 1993 under a side-agreement to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) for the purpose of enhancing the environmental conditions of the U.S. – Mexico border region and advancing the well-being of residents in both nations. BECC focuses on the technical, environmental, and social aspects of project development, while NADB concentrates on project financing and oversight for project implementation. Maria Elena Giner, Deputy General Manager of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission, reported on the BECC's key accomplishments, as well as general operational information, goals and challenges.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

e+ 7. CITY OF TIJUANA'S URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE POPULATION CENTER 2010-2030 (INFORMATION)

Luis Duarte, Director, Instituto Municipal de Planeación (IMPlan), provided an overview of the recently approved Urban Development Program for the Population Center 2010 – 2030 (PDUcPT, in Spanish) of the City of Tijuana, which includes the first land use regulations and innovative criteria for conservation areas. Additional information may be obtained at www.implantijuana.com. Mr. Duarte recognized Chair Patricia McCoy for SANDAG's participation on IMPlan's Governing Board.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE

JOINT MEETING OF THE BORDERS COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE ON BINATIONAL REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (COBRO), AND THE CITY OF TIJUANA MARCH 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 Gompfer-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 nd 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		✓