

San Diego Association of Governments

BORDERS COMMITTEE

November 19, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Greg Cox (County of San Diego) at 12:39 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

Vice Chair Cox announced Chair Patricia McCoy (South County) was currently on vacation. Due to the absence of a quorum, Agenda Item #3, an informational report, was presented to the Borders Committee.

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

Cónsul Lydia Antonio (México) introduced Mr. Sean Carlos Cázares, Deputy Director General for Border Affairs (Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Mr. Cázares presented a report highlighting the United States – Mexico Declaration on 21st Century Border Management, including key goals to strengthen border security and management.

Vice Chair Cox commented the South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) performed a study in July on pedestrian crossing in San Ysidro, and recommended they present their findings at a future meeting.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

Upon a quorum being present, Vice Chair Cox continued with the remainder of the agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Council President Ben Hueso (City of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Sam Abed (North County Inland), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the July 23, 2010, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Cox introduced the new representative for Imperial County, Mark Baza, Executive Director of the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC). Vice Chair Cox said that Mayor John Moreno of the City of Calexico would serve as the alternate representative.

Mr. Baza commented he was honored to be part of the Borders Committee, and will update the commissioners on issues of importance.

Vice Chair Cox reported on México's 200th Anniversary celebration; and, recognized Council President Ben Hueso (City of San Diego), recipient of México's Premio Ohtli award, which honors those individuals of Mexican descent living in the country or abroad, who work for the welfare of Mexican community.

Council President Hueso said he was grateful to México and their representatives working in the United States. He commended Hon. Remedios Gómez-Arnau, representing the Consulate General of México in San Diego, for her efforts in improving relations and service to constituents.

Chairman Chris Devers, Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association), announced it was "California Indian Day"; the fourth Friday of September designated by the State of California to recognize California tribes and their contributions.

REPORTS (#4 through 6)

At the request of Mario Orso, Corridor Director (Caltrans), Agenda Item #6, an informational report, was taken out of order.

6. STATE ROUTE 11/OTAY MESA EAST PORT OF ENTRY (POE) PROJECT UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Mario Orso, Corridor Director (Caltrans), provided an update on the planning and financing activities of the State Route 11/Otay Mesa East POE project; and, commented on the strong international interest in the project.

Christina Casgar, Goods Movement Policy Manager (SANDAG), reported on efforts to develop a more efficient border crossing at Otay Mesa East through the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), which includes express lanes and managed lanes; and, its use as a prototype for other border crossings.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2010 BINATIONAL SEMINAR (ACCEPT/RECOMMEND)

Dr. Paul Ganster, Chair, Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO), presented highlights from the 2010 Binational Seminar and suggested next steps from COBRO.

Action: Upon a motion by Council President Hueso and a second by Councilmember Crystal Crawford (North County Coastal), the Borders Committee unanimously accepted the two recommendations from the 2010 Binational Seminar (Attachment 1 of Agenda Item #4) and recommended they be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

5. THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE GOOD NEIGHBOR ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD: REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: A BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION ON THE U.S. – MEXICO BORDER (INFORMATION)

Dr. Paul Ganster, Chair, Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB), informed on the report, which describes the principal chronic environmental issues that plague the border region today, and identifies immediate and medium-term actions that the federal government and other key partners in the region can take to address these problems.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Cox adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 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	Imperial County Transportation Commission	Mark Baza	Member	✓	
	City of Calexico	John Moreno	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	Member		✓
	SCTCA	Denis Turner	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		✓