

San Diego Association of Governments

# BORDERS COMMITTEE

January 28, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## **BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2010**

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair Patricia McCoy (South County) at 12:35 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Crystal Crawford (North County Coastal) and a second by Council President Ben Hueso (City of San Diego), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the September 24, 2010, meeting.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Action: There were no comments/communications.

## **CONSENT ITEM (3)**

### 3. SAN DIEGO – IMPERIAL COUNTY INTERSTATE 8 CORRIDOR STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE (INFORMATION)

This report summarizes progress on SANDAG's Commercial Vehicle Operations Project Expansion of the 511 San Diego Service connecting San Diego and Imperial County on the Interstate 8 (I-8) corridor, which is one of the initiatives included in the I-8 Corridor Strategic Plan.

Action: Upon a motion by Council President Hueso and a second by Councilmember Crawford, the Borders Committee unanimously approved Consent Item No. 3.

## CHAIR'S REPORT (4 and 5)

### 4. NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH (INFORMATION)

What started at the turn of the century as a tribal effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued each year since 1994.

Chairman Chris Devers, Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association), reported activities will be conducted throughout the month by various tribes. The Pala Band of Mission Indians will be performing Sunday at the Junipero Serra Museum in Presidio Park; also, the National Congress of American Indians completed their November annual meeting, and as a result, President Obama will be meeting with tribal leaders from throughout the country at the Second Annual Summit in December 2010.

### 5. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF THE BORDERS COMMITTEE 2005 – 2010 (INFORMATION)

Chair Patricia McCoy informed this would be her final Borders Committee meeting. She summarized issues discussed and achievements of the Borders Committee during the 2005 – 2010 period.

On behalf of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, Chairman Chris Devers and Chairman Edwin "Thorpe" Romero (Barona Band of Mission Indians) presented a plaque and a Pendleton blanket signifying the gift of life to Chair McCoy.

Councilmember Crystal Crawford informed it was her final Borders Committee meeting as well. She reflected on her experiences while participating on the Committee and working with Chair McCoy.

Deputy Consul General Martha Elvia Rosas (Republic of México), on behalf of Remedios Gomez-Arnau, Consul General México, presented a plaque to Chair McCoy.

William Yu, Director of Binational Affairs (City of Tijuana), on behalf of Mayor Jorge Ramos and the City Council of Tijuana, presented a plaque to Chair McCoy.

Elsa Saxod (San Diego County Water Authority), representing the Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO), presented a special edition of the SANDAG Binational View from space map to Chair McCoy in appreciation for her support and enthusiasm in engaging binational and border topics. Ms. Saxod also presented Councilmember Crawford, the first Borders Committee chair, with a special edition of the same binational regional area map from space in recognition of her excellent work and dedication.

Vice Chair Greg Cox (County of San Diego) acknowledged the future changes that would take place to the committee as a result of the recent elections. It would not only be the last meeting for Chair McCoy and Councilmember Crawford, but also for Council President Ben Hueso and Councilmember Sam Abed (North County Inland).

Council President Hueso thanked Chair McCoy and Councilmember Crawford for their years of service and advocacy.

Councilmember Rudy Ramirez (South County) expressed his appreciation to Chair McCoy, Council President Hueso, and Councilmember Crawford.

Vice Mayor David Allan (East County) thanked Chair McCoy and Councilmember Crawford for their leadership over the years.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

## **REPORTS (6 through 9)**

### **6. REPORT FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO (INFORMATION)**

Deputy Consul General Martha Elvia Rosas (Republic of México), on behalf of Remedios Gomez-Arnau, Consul General of México, encouraged Committee members to read the transcript (Attachment 1), which highlights statements from Secretary Patricia Espinoza, Mexico's Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, on opportunities to address climate change.

Chair McCoy expressed interest in receiving an informational report on the climate change conference, which will take place in Cancun, Mexico.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

Chair McCoy stated Item Nos. 7 and 8 would be presented together.

### **8. UPDATE ON SELECTED STRATEGIES FROM THE OTAY MESA – MESA DE OTAY BINATIONAL CORRIDOR STRATEGIC PLAN (DISCUSSION)**

Ron Saenz, Associate Regional Planner, presented a progress report to the Borders Committee on the Otay Mesa-Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor Strategic Plan. Transportation, economic development, housing, and environmental conservation were identified as the main issue areas for the Strategic Plan. Housing was the only issue area not reported on in this progress report. Highlights included progress on the construction of State Route 905, the city of Tijuana's *Comprehensive Road Rehabilitation Project* also known by its acronym PIRE, and San Diego Dialogue and Global Connect efforts to advance alliances between Mexican Life Sciences and high tech industries in Mexico and San Diego.

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

Mario Orso, Corridor Director (Caltrans), provided a progress report on the State Route 11 (SR 11) and Otay Mesa East Port of Entry (POE) project. Highlights included progress on: developing a Tier II Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS); engineering studies for both SR 11 and the new POE; design and right-of-way acquisition; the Program Development Study (PDS) for the POE; and a planned Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Pre-Deployment Study.

Action: Item Nos. 7 and 8 were presented for discussion and information only.

9. SAN YSIDRO PORT OF ENTRY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING REPORT (AUGUST 2010)  
(INFORMATION)

Cindy Gompper-Graves, South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC), introduced Efraín Ibarra (SCEDC), who presented the findings of a pedestrian survey held at the busiest land POE in the United States in July, 2010.

Jaclyn Cooper, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), reported on the new SENTRI initiative and CBP's progress to increase SENTRI participation to date.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2011, at 12:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 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 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	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		✓