

San Diego Association of Governments

BORDERS COMMITTEE

May 27, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2011

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair John Minto (East 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 Ed Gallo (North County Inland) and a second by Deputy Mayor Rudy Ramirez (South County), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the March 25, 2011, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Carolina Chavez of the City of Tijuana Binational Affairs Office invited Committee members to attend the Seventh Binational Mayors Summit, taking place on May 19-20, 2011, hosted by Mayor Carlos Bustamante at the Grand Hotel Tijuana, in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. *(Please note that this event was later postponed to July 7-8, 2011)*

Deputy Mayor Rudy Ramirez (South County) encouraged Committee members to attend the Binational Mayors Summit as it allows the opportunity to build relationships with Mexican counterparts.

Chair Minto stated that event information could be found at www.binational.org.

Chairman Mark Romero, Mesa Grande Band of Diegueño Mission Indians (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association) mentioned that the May 27, 2011, Borders Committee meeting would focus on tribal topics. As such, he asked Committee members to contact him should they have a specific tribal-related item.

CONSENT (Items #3 through #5)

3. 2011 SANDAG ANNUAL BINATIONAL EVENT UPDATE (ACCEPT)

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Greg Cox (County of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland), the Borders Committee unanimously accepted the staff recommendation that the 2011 binational event be rescheduled from Tuesday, June 7, 2011, to Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

4. BIKE TO WORK DAY ON THE BORDER (INFORMATION)

On May 20, 2011, the San Diego region celebrates National Bike to Work Day. This annual event takes place across the United States. In the spirit of the Bike to Work Day celebration, for the first time, the City of Tijuana will also be promoting bike mobility and healthier transportation on this same date.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

5. DRAFT 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (INFORMATION)

The Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the blueprint for keeping pace with the mobility and sustainability challenges in a growing region. The plan is built on an integrated set of public policies, strategies, and investments to maintain, manage, and improve the transportation system so it meets the diverse needs of our changing region through 2050. The Draft 2050 RTP and its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) were released by the Board of Directors on April 22, 2011, for public review and comment.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

REPORTS (Items #6 through #10)

Chair Minto announced Item #9 would be taken out of order due to the presenter's schedule.

9. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SAN YSIDRO LAND PORT OF ENTRY RECONFIGURATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT (INFORMATION)

Anthony Kleppe, Senior Asset Manager, U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), provided an update on the \$570 million project that will expand the San Ysidro Port of Entry northbound and southbound vehicle and pedestrian facilities in three phases. He reported on outreach efforts; the "Seeking Shade" shade structure student design competition at the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry; and, the Community Representatives

Committee (CRC), consisting of key local community groups and stakeholder agencies, which provide project input so that it meets the needs of the community.

Deputy Mayor Rudy Ramirez (South County) suggested that stakeholder and community groups be consulted early on in the process to address any issues that may arise regarding southbound inspections.

Vice Chair Greg Cox (County of San Diego) complimented GSA for their collaborative efforts and for receiving community input, addressing their concerns, and allowing them to be intimately involved in the project.

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego) commented on the importance of having a modern port of entry.

Councilmember David Alvarez (City of San Diego) stated GSA has been a great partner and expressed his concerns regarding the regional impact that southbound inspections will have on wait times. He suggested U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) inspections should be coordinated with Mexico's inspections in order to decrease wait times.

Bill Figge, Deputy District Director of Planning (Caltrans District 11), expressed appreciation, on behalf of Caltrans, for the collaborative efforts of both GSA and CBP.

Deputy Mayor Ramirez presented his idea of having both countries' inspection facilities combined into one facility.

Chair Minto thanked Jaclyn Cooper of CBP for her input during the meeting and mentioned the possibility of a future tour of the border infrastructure. He also inquired about the funding of Phases 2 and 3.

Mr. Kleppe responded he did not have funding information; however, this is a highly rated project for CBP.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

6. IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION: OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES (INFORMATION)

Mark Baza, Executive Director, Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), reported on ICTC's roles and responsibilities, core services, member agencies, organizational structure, core regional transit services and work programs, key partnerships, the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) Measure "D" sales tax contributions to projects in the Imperial Valley, transition activities and accomplishments, and other current and upcoming activities.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

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

Ron Saenz, Associate Planner (SANDAG), provided an overview of the San Diego – Imperial County Interstate (I-8) Corridor Strategic Plan and provided an update on the Commercial Vehicle Operations Project Expansion of the 511 San Diego Service that connects San Diego and Imperial County. He also reported on the steps that led to the plan's development as well as an update on the strategies that were identified in the I-8 Corridor Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland) commented he had suggested review of the I-8 corridor approximately six years ago due to potential growth in Imperial County. He stated he was glad they were getting ahead of the curve instead of coming from behind.

Councilmember Jim Cunningham (North County Inland) asked if the 511 information was available to passenger vehicles and how the 511 system was monitored.

Dan Martin, Principal Regional Planner (SANDAG), said commercial operations are monitored through the 511 system call center and are expanded to the Imperial Valley primarily on the Web and by phone. Also, 511 is presently available to cars in San Diego.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

8. SOUTH AND EAST SAN DIEGO COUNTY/IMPERIAL COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (INFORMATION)

Cindy Gompper-Graves, Executive Director, South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC), provided background information and updated the Committee on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) project.

Councilmember David Alvarez (City of San Diego) indicated he would ask a representative to attend the next CEDS meeting.

Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland) expressed interest on creating a CEDS project that could serve his city.

Vice Chair Greg Cox (County of San Diego) reported Angelika Villagrana, Executive Director of Public Policy (San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce), will be retiring soon.

Ms. Villagrana confirmed it would be on May 31, 2011.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, May 27, 2011, at 12:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 22, 2011
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING	
				Yes	No
South County	City of Chula Vista	Rudy Ramirez	Member	✓	
	City of Coronado	Mike Woiwode	Alternate		✓
North County Coastal	City of Oceanside	Gary Felien	Member	✓	
	City of Carlsbad	Farrah Douglas	Alternate	✓	
North County Inland	City of Escondido	Ed Gallo	Member	✓	
	City of Poway	Jim Cunningham	Alternate	✓	
East County	City of Santee	John Minto (Chair)	Member	✓	
	City of La Mesa	Ruth Sterling	Alternate	✓	
City of San Diego	----	David Alvarez	Member	✓	
	----	Sherri Lightner	Alternate		✓
County of San Diego	----	Greg Cox (Vice Chair)	Member	✓	
	----	Pam Slater-Price	Alternate	✓	
Imperial County	Imperial County	John Renison	Member	✓	
		VACANT	Alternate	--	--
COBRO	----	Dr. Paul Ganster	Member		✓
	----	Cindy Gompfer-Graves	Alternate	✓	
	----	Angelika Villagrana	Alternate	✓	
County of Riverside		VACANT	Member	--	--
Republic of Mexico	Consul General of Mexico	Remedios Gomez-Arnau	Member		✓
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Martha Rosas	Alternate		✓

Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Mesa Grande	Mark Romero	Member	✓	
	Campo	Monique LaChappa	Alternate		✓
Caltrans		Laurie Berman	Member		✓
		Bill Figge	Alternate	✓	
San Diego County Water Authority		Howard Williams	Member	✓	
		Elsa Saxod	Alternate		✓
SCAG		Rich Macias	Member		✓
		Mathew Gleason	Alternate	✓	
County of Orange	City of San Clemente	Jim Dahl	Member		✓
	County of Orange	Bill Campbell	Alternate		✓