

BORDERS COMMITTEE

June 28, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2013

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair John Minto (East County) at 12:36 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

Chair John Minto welcomed the Borders Committee members, COBRO, and guests from various municipalities. Chair Minto introduced new Borders Committee members. Self-introductions were conducted.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Ed Gallo, City of Escondido (North County Inland), and a second by Councilmember Al Ovrom, City of Coronado (South County), the Borders Committee approved the minutes from the March 22, 2013, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

John Ramirez, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (member of public), introduced himself and announced an upcoming workshop training opportunity for community based organizations, faith based organizations, and social service agencies called the Blue Campaign, One Voice. One Mission. End Human Trafficking training invitation scheduled on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, located at USCIS Chula Vista Field Office, 1261 Third Avenue, Suite A, Chula Vista, California.

Chair Minto (East County), Councilmember Rudy Ramirez (South County), and Mayor Teresa Barth (North County Coastal) asked about the cost and additional meeting logistics to attend the Blue Campaign workshop and provided a few comments on the event flyer and RSVP.

Chair Minto recognized and welcomed new member James Ferryman, Costa Mesa Sanitary District (County of Orange), and made several announcements regarding upcoming public workshops on San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan scheduled on May, June, and July that will be held at Caltrans District Office. An event flier will be sent to Committee members with additional information.

CONSENT (3)

3. 2013 SAN DIEGO BIKE TO WORK DAY AND TIJUANEANDO EN BICI (INFORMATION)

On Friday, May 17, 2013, the San Diego region celebrates National Bike to Work Day. On the same day, in the spirit of Bike to Work Day, the City of Tijuana is organizing the third "Tijuaneando en Bici" bike ride, as part of its active transportation program. In addition, a crossborder bike ride in collaboration with the City of Chula Vista's International Friendship Games is scheduled on Saturday, June 1, 2013.

Chair Minto introduced this item and introduced speakers.

Hector Vanegas, Borders Program Manager (SANDAG), presented the item and responded to questions. He further commented that this event is part of a two-week program, promoting non-motorized mobility including joint efforts with City of Chula Vista, City of Tijuana, Baja California, and SANDAG.

Councilmember Rudy Ramirez (South County) welcomed guests and Committee members, and reiterated the upcoming event on Bike to Work Day ride scheduled on May 17, 2013, and the crossborder bike ride from Chula Vista to Tijuana, Baja California, promoting bike mobility and the bike to work day.

Action: This item was presented for information purposes only.

REPORTS (4 through 9)

4. SUBREGIONAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS (INFORMATION)

Members of the Borders Committee report issues and activities within their subregion that are of interest or under the purview of the Committee.

Chair Minto, introduced this item and speakers.

Chair Minto commented on Mega-Region collaboration and reiterated on the importance of hearing reports from each region.

John Renison, Supervisor (County of Imperial), provided an update on an upcoming Congressional business meeting with Rep. Loretta Sanchez (Orange County) and Rep. Juan Vargas visiting Imperial County, members of the ranking homeland security committee. Also, Imperial County is continuing efforts on public-private partnership for the Calexico West Port of Entry.

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

The Consul General of México in San Diego, Hon. Remedios Gómez-Arnau, contributes to the Borders Committee dialogue by providing periodic reports on binational activities within the purview of the Committee. This report highlighted the Mexican National Energy Strategy 2013-2027 and the 2013 Constitutional Telecommunications Reform Bill.

Chair Minto introduced this item and speaker.

Hon. Remedios Gómez-Arnau, Consulate General of México in San Diego presented the item and responded to questions.

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6. UPDATE FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIBAL CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (SCTCA) (INFORMATION)

Chairman Mark Romero, representative of the SCTCA on the Borders Committee, briefed the members on issues and activities affecting tribal nations in the region and the state.

Chair Minto introduced the item and speaker.

Chairman Mark Romero (SCTCA) briefed the Committee on the tribal consultation process from San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan kick-off workshop that was held at the end of April with nine tribes, tribal leadership, and SANDAG. The workshop was hosted by the San Pasqual tribal leadership. The Office of Planning at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has a tribal planning unit that supports tribes in understanding how to get involved in transportation planning and produced several modules. On Thursday, April 25, 2013, the third annual Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) event was held at QUALCOMM Stadium and was a great success.

Chairman Mark Romero (SCTCA) presented the item and responded to questions.

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7. UPDATE ON THE SAN YSIDRO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER STUDY (INFORMATION)

SANDAG, in partnership with the City of San Diego, Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), and the community, is conducting a study to develop a concept as well as funding and implementation strategy for an Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) in the vicinity of the San Ysidro Port of Entry. Staff provided an update on the study.

Chair Minto introduced the item and speaker.

Ed Gallo, Councilmember, City of Escondido (North County Inland), commented on this item and spoke on the importance of the San Ysidro ITC Study for both sides of the border.

Miguel Aguirre, San Ysidro property owner on 700 Block of the San Ysidro boulevard (member of public), spoke on various aspects of the preliminary study to identify a multimodal concept for a world-class ITC in the San Ysidro Port of Entry (POE). He further commented on his recent trip to México City to the impact of our binational region has and the opportunity to come up with a concept on the SANDAG ITC Study, and collaboration efforts to reflect the dynamic opportunity of a welcoming gateway.

Councilmember Ramirez (South County) commented on this item and provided his view on SANDAG capturing the opportunity to develop this complex project.

Gary L. Gallegos, Executive Director (SANDAG), commented on the partnership planning grant study utilized to pay for a high-level preliminary study.

Mayor Teresa Barth, City of Escondido (North County Coastal), commented on this item and asked several questions on the preliminary study, proposed small hotel chain, and work in collaboration with México in the study.

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Planner (SANDAG), presented the item and responded to questions.

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8. UPDATE ON THE U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION'S SAN YSIDRO PORT OF ENTRY RECONFIGURATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT (INFORMATION)

Staff from the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) provided an update on the San Ysidro POE reconfiguration and expansion project, including alternatives to provide new pedestrian and transit mobility on the western side of the POE at Virginia Avenue.

Chair Minto introduced the item and speaker.

Councilmember Ramirez (South County) commented on this item and inquired about public and/or border iconic art to help capture the opportunity and allocated funds for this expansion project.

Paul Ganster, Director, San Diego State University (Chair of the Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities or COBRO) commented on this item.

Miguel Aguirre, San Ysidro Property Owner on 700 Block of the San Ysidro Boulevard (member of public), spoke on various aspects to help avoid any privatizing of the operation of this project, and involvement of other stakeholders such as MTS, and collaboration efforts for a safe drop off at the POE at Virginia Avenue.

Anthony Kleppe (GSA) presented the item and responded to questions.

Action: This item was presented for information purposes only.

9. BORDER HEALTH CONSORTIUM OF THE CALIFORNIAS (INFORMATION)

In February 2011, the California Office of Binational Border Health (COBBH), County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), and Imperial County Public Health Department (ICPHD) formed an alliance to create the California Border Health Collaborative. The Collaborative's mission is "To enhance communication, coordination, and collaboration among public, private, and academic institutions in order to protect and improve the health of individuals and communities along the California-Baja California Border Region." Staff from the County HHS provided a presentation, which included the new draft strategic plan.

Chair Minto introduced the item and speakers.

Stephan Vance, Senior Planner (SANDAG), introduced Justine Kozo, M.P.H. Chief, Office of Border Health, Health & Human Services Agency (County of San Diego), who shared a brief background overview of the Border Health Consortium of the Californias (COBBH), purpose, and next steps and responded to questions.

Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland), commented on this item, and asked about the purpose of the COBBH.

Councilmember Rudy Ramirez (South County), thanked the speaker for the valuable information and work on the COBBH.

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10. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, May 24, 2013, at 12:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

Meeting Start Time: 12:36 p.m.
Meeting Adjourned Time: 2:09 p.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
APRIL 26, 2013
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
South County	City of Coronado	Al Ovrom	Member	Yes
	City of Chula Vista	Rudy Ramirez	Alternate	Yes
North County Coastal	City of Encinitas	Teresa Barth	Member	Yes
	City of Carlsbad	Lorraine Wood	Alternate	No
North County Inland	City of Escondido	Ed Gallo	Member	Yes
	City of Poway	Jim Cunningham	Alternate	No
East County	City of Santee	John Minto (Chair)	Member	Yes
	City of La Mesa	Ruth Sterling	Alternate	Yes
City of San Diego	----	David Alvarez	Member	No
	----	Mark Kersey	Alternate	Yes
County of San Diego	----	Greg Cox (Vice Chair)	Member	No
	----	Dave Roberts	Alternate	Yes
Imperial County	Imperial County	John Renison	Member	Yes
	City of Calexico	Bill Hodge	Alternate	Yes
COBRO	-----	Dr. Paul Ganster	Member	Yes
	-----	<i>Vacant</i>	Alternate	---
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County of Riverside	WRCOG – Western Water Board	S.R. Al Lopez	Member	Yes
	City of Lake Elsinore	Brian Tisdale	Alternate	No
Republic of Mexico	Consul General of México	Remedios Gómez-Arnau	Member	Yes
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Francisco Javier Olavarria	Alternate	No
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Alberto Diaz	Alternate	No
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Mesa Grande	Mark Romero	Member	Yes
	Jamul	Raymond Hunter Sr.	Alternate	No

Caltrans		Laurie Berman	Member	Yes
		Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority		Farrah Douglas	Member	Yes
		Elsa Saxod	Alternate	Yes
SCAG		Rich Macias	Member	No
		Mathew Gleason	Alternate	No
County of Orange	Coast Mesa Sanitary District	Jim Ferryman	Member	Yes
	County of Orange	Jim Dahl	Alternate	Yes