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**BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2013**

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair John Minto (East County) at 12:37 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)**

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember David Alvarez (City of San Diego), and a second by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the October 25, 2013.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Jason Wells, San Ysidro Smart Border Coalition, spoke on various agenda items and commented on border crossing concerns.

Miguel Aguirre, member of public, spoke on various border crossing concerns on the San Ysidro Pedestrian Port of Entry (POE) and San Ysidro Intermodal Transportation Center (SYITC) Study.

Elizabeth Hensley, member of public, spoke about her concerns on pulmonary and cardiovascular health contamination impacted by exposure of elevated carbon monoxide at Colonia Federal in Tijuana, nearby the San Ysidro POE.

**REPORTS (3 through 9)**

3. **SUBREGIONAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS (INFORMATION)**

Members of the Borders Committee provided subregional reports of activities and events that are of interest to the Committee.

Tomas Oliva, Regional Affairs Officer (Southern California Association of Governments [SCAG]), reported that SCAG hosted a border tour of the Calexico East POE for various regional council members and government elected officials to see current status of infrastructure near the border.

Councilmember Rudy Ramirez (South County) reported on his participation on the Smart Border Coalition meeting in Tijuana, Mexico, and shared Mexico's interest on a potential enhanced driver's license initiative. Councilmember Ramirez encouraged the Committee to support this effort and place this issue on the legislative agenda.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

4. 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 efforts to promote bilateral competitiveness and innovation.

Honorable Remedios Gómez-Arnau, Consulate General of México in San Diego, introduced the item, and responded to questions on this item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

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

Chairman Mark Romero (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association [SCTCA]) briefed the members on issues and activities affecting tribal nations in the region and the state.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

6. SAN YSIDRO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER STUDY DRAFT DESIGN CONCEPTS (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG, in partnership with the City of San Diego, Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transit System, and the community, is conducting a study to develop a concept and funding and implementation strategy for an Intermodal Transportation Center in the vicinity of the San Ysidro Land POE. Three design concepts were developed with input gathered from the community, border crossers, and a market study. Staff presented the third design concept for discussion.

Rachel Kennedy (SANDAG) and Nic Abboud (City of San Diego) presented the item.

Jason Wells, San Ysidro Smart Border Coalition, spoke in support of and made suggestions to the third alternative of the SYITC Study Design Option 3.

Miguel Aguirre, member of public, spoke on the various designs and functionality concerns of the SYITC Study draft design concepts.

Richard Gomez, Border Transportation Council, spoke in support of the third design concept.

Jennifer Goudeau, member of public, spoke in favor of the third design concept and made suggestions that would improve the third alternative of the SYITC.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

7. BORDER HEALTH EQUITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The purpose of this item was to provide an update on the SANDAG Border Health Equity Transportation Study, funded through a Caltrans planning grant, which was initiated in February 2013, and is evaluating the health impacts and unique challenges related to mobility in the San Ysidro border community. One of the main objectives of this study is to serve as a template for other communities to begin to integrate health into transportation planning processes. The attached report provided an update on the status of the study.

Laurie Gartrell (Regional Planner) and Dr. Sherry Ryan (Chen Ryan Associates) presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

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

The San Ysidro POE is a federal multimodal land border inspection facility that provides service to pedestrians, passenger vehicles, buses, and freight rail. The U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) staff provided an update on the San Ysidro POE expansion and reconfiguration project, including the concept for a new Virginia Avenue transit and pedestrian facility.

Anthony Kleppe, U.S. GSA, presented the item.

Jason Wells, San Ysidro Smart Border Coalition, commented that the San Ysidro Smart Border Coalition is not formally supporting any action on the draft environmental study.

Mario Lopez, Director of Binational Affairs (City of San Diego), announced that the City of San Diego has not taken an official position on public comment on the draft environmental impact study.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

9. UPDATES ON IMPERIAL COUNTY BORDER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (INFORMATION)

Chair Minto announced that this report would be presented at the next meeting.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2014, at 12:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

Meeting Start Time: 12:37 p.m.  
 Meeting Adjourned Time: 2:41 p.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
 BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING  
 NOVEMBER 15, 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	Yes
	----	Mark Kersey	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	----	Greg Cox (Vice Chair)	Member	No
	----	Dave Roberts	Alternate	Yes
Imperial County	Imperial County	John Renison	Member	No
	City of Calexico	Bill Hodge	Alternate	No
COBRO	-----	Dr. Paul Ganster	Member	Yes
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County of Riverside	WRCOG – Western Water Board	S.R. Al Lopez	Member	No
	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
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	No
		Elsa Saxod	Alternate	Yes
SCAG		Rich Macias	Member	No
		Mathew Gleason	Alternate	No
		Tomás Oliva	Alternate	Yes
County of Orange	Coast Mesa Sanitary District	Jim Ferryman	Member	No
	County of Orange	Jim Dahl	Alternate	No