



**BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS**

**JULY 25, 2014**

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 Richard E. Backlund, Associate Division Administrator with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, Deputy Consul General of Mexico in San Diego, Francisco Javier Olavarría, the Borders Committee, and guests.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Dave Roberts (County of San Diego), and a second by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland), the Borders Committee approved the minutes from the May 23, 2014, meeting. Yes – 5. No – None. Abstentions – 1. Absent – County of San Diego and North County Coastal.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT**

3. SAN YSIDRO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER STUDY FINAL REPORT (INFORMATION)

SANDAG and the City of San Diego, in collaboration with Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transit System, and the community, initiated a study to identify a multimodal concept for an Intermodal Transportation Center in the vicinity of the San Ysidro Port of Entry. On June 20, 2014, the SANDAG Transportation Committee accepted the San Ysidro Intermodal Transportation Study Final Report for submission to Caltrans and to the City of San Diego for consideration in its current San Ysidro Community Plan update.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

4. PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE 2014 BINATIONAL EVENT "EFFICIENT BORDER: A GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE REGION" (INFORMATION)

Since 1997, SANDAG has organized an annual binational event to address binational topics. This year the event focused on border efficiency and global competitiveness. This report presented highlights from the 2014 binational seminar.

Chair John Minto introduced the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

**REPORTS**

5. 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 Borders Committee.

Laurie Berman, District 11 Director (Caltrans), provided a status update on Governor Brown's upcoming trip to Mexico City.

John Renison, Supervisor (Imperial County), provided a brief update regarding the \$98 million funding for the Calexico Port of Entry Phase I expansion project that is now in jeopardy. There are plans to expand the number pedestrian crossing lanes at the Calexico downtown Port of Entry from 6 to 12 lanes with funding from Imperial County community benefit funds from solar energy contributions.

Rudy Ramirez, Councilmember (South County), commented on the possibility of losing funding for the Port of Entry. He asked staff what the appropriate action for next steps would be.

Tomas Oliva, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), invited everyone to attend a Summit on Advancing Southern California's Battle Plan for Victory – Poverty to Jobs, Workforce Development Tactics and Economic Growth Campaigns, scheduled on Wednesday, August 20, 2014, in Los Angeles.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

Add Urgent Item to Agenda

A. Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor John Renison (Imperial County), and a second by Supervisor Dave Roberts (County of San Diego), the Borders Committee approved by a 2/3rds vote the request that urgency be found to add an item to the agenda. Yes – 5. No – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – County of San Diego and North County Coastal.

Advocate for FY 2015 Port of Entry Funding

- B. Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor John Renison (Imperial County), and a second by Councilmember Rudy Ramirez (South County), the Borders Committee recommended that SANDAG's Washington lobbyist be contacted and that SANDAG advocate for FY 2015 Port of Entry Funding for Calexico and San Ysidro. Yes – 5. No – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – County of San Diego and North County Coastal.

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

The Consulate General of Mexico in San Diego contributes to the Borders Committee dialogue by providing periodic reports on binational activities within the purview of the Committee. Deputy Consulate General Francisco Javier Olavarría presented this report that highlighted new laws regulating Mexico's Constitutional Telecommunication Reform.

Hon. Francisco Javier Olavarria spoke on behalf of Hon. Remedios Gómez-Arnau, Consulate General of México in San Diego and presented the item and responded to questions.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

7. 2014 SAN DIEGO REGIONAL TRIBAL SUMMIT PROCEEDINGS AND NEXT STEPS UPDATE FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIBAL CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (RECOMMEND)

In April, SANDAG and the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association held the 2014 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit to identify policy issues of mutual concern and prioritize strategies as part of the tribal consultation process for San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. The Borders Committee was asked to recommend that the SANDAG Board of Directors accept the 2014 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit Proceedings and Tribal Summit – Next Steps for consideration in San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan.

Chairman Mark Romero, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association; and Jane Clough, presented this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Alvarez (City of San Diego), and a second by Supervisor Roberts (County of San Diego), the Borders Committee recommended that the Board of Directors accept the 2014 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit Proceedings and Tribal Summit – Next Steps for consideration in San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Yes – 7. No - None. Abstain - None. Absent – County of San Diego and North County Coastal.

8. SAN DIEGO-TIJUANA REGION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (INFORMATION)

In December 2013, the Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the 2013 Binational Seminar to identify and support responsible agencies' existing collaboration efforts for binational emergency and natural disaster response and preparedness, and encourage the development of additional joint binational action planning, where needed. This presentation provided an overview on collaborative efforts in the San Diego-Tijuana region to address emergency preparedness and response.

Mike Vizzier, County of San Diego, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2014, at 12:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Meeting Start Time: 12:36 p.m.  
 Meeting Adjourned Time: 1:28 p.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
 SANDAG BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING  
 JULY 25, 2014**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
South County	City of Coronado	Al Ovrom	Member	No
	City of Chula Vista	Rudy Ramirez	Alternate	Yes
North County Coastal	City of Encinitas	Teresa Barth	Member	No
	City of Carlsbad	Michael Schumacher	Alternate	Yes
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
	----	David Roberts	Alternate	Yes
Imperial County	Imperial County	John Renison	Member	Yes
	City of Calexico	Bill Hodge	Alternate	Yes
	Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)	Mark Baza	Guest	Yes
COBRO	---	Dr. Paul Ganster	Member	No
	---	Vacant	Alternate	---
County of Riverside	WRCOG – Western Water Board	S.R. Al Lopez	Member	No
	---	Vacant	Alternate	---
Republic of Mexico	Consul General of Mexico	Remedios Gomez-Arnau	Member	No
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Francisco Javier Olavarria	Alternate	Yes
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		Elsa Saxod	Member	No
		Dennis A. Sanford	Alternate	No

SCAG		Rich Macias	Member	No
		Tomás Oliva	Alternate	Yes
County of Orange	Coast Mesa Sanitary District	Jim Ferryman	Member	No
	County of Orange	Jim Dahl	Alternate	Yes