



BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

OCTOBER 24, 2014

The Borders Committee was called to order by Chair John Minto (East County) at 12:33 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

Chair John Minto welcomed Mark Baza, Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), Mayor Larry Smith, (Riverside County), the Borders Committee, and guests.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego), and a second by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland), the Borders Committee approved the minutes from the September 26, 2014, meeting. Yes – 6. No – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – Imperial County.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Kevin Swanson, San Diego 2015, spoke about the quality of life and pollution in region and his border crossing experience.

REPORTS

3. 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.

There were no subcommittee reports.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

4. 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. This report highlighted updates of the the U.S.-Mexico High Level Economic Dialogue (HLED)

Hon. Remedios Gomez-Arnau, Consulate General of México in San Diego, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

5. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCESS STUDY FOR THE CALIFORNIA/MEXICO LAND PORTS OF ENTRY (INFORMATION)

This year, the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) initiated this bicycle and pedestrian study, which is anticipated to be concluded in 2015. The purpose of this study is to identify opportunities to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities on both sides of the border within the vicinity of the land ports of entry between Mexico and California.

Kevin Swanson, San Diego 2015, spoke about how to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure at the Land Port of Entry.

Mark Baza, ICTC, and Seth Torma, Senior Planning Manager, Parsons Brinckerhof and KOA Corporation, presented this item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

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

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) provides periodic reports to this Committee on the progress of the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry Reconfiguration and Expansion Project. GSA staff provided an update on the three phases of the project and its funding and construction schedule.

Councilmember Rudy Ramirez (South County), Councilmember David Alvarez (City of San Diego), and Supervisor Cox (County of San Diego) commented on how to increase safety on bicycle use and that GSA creates a dedicated bicycle lane at the port of entry.

Anthony Kleppe, GSA, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

7. ONE REGION, ONE VOICE MISSION TO WASHINGTON D.C. (INFORMATION)

A delegation led by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, and formed by San Diego region and Baja California stakeholders, visited Washington D.C. on September 7 to 10, 2014, to address military and defense, education, housing, water, energy, and crossborder trade issues. This report focused on the border elements of this year's trip.

Paola Avila, Mexico Business Center-San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, presented this item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2014, at 12:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Meeting Start Time: 12:33 p.m.
 Meeting Adjourned Time: 2:16 p.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
 SANDAG BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
 OCTOBER 21, 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	Yes
	City of Carlsbad	Michael Schumacher	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	Yes
	----	David Roberts	Alternate	No
Imperial County	Imperial County	John Renison	Member	No
	City of Calexico	Bill Hodge	Alternate	No
COBRO	---	Dr. Paul Ganster	Member	No
	---	Vacant	Alternate	---
County of Riverside	City of Hemet	Larry Smith	Member	Yes
	---	Vacant	Alternate	---
Republic of Mexico	Consul General of Mexico	Remedios Gomez-Arnau	Member	Yes
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Francisco Javier Olavarria	Alternate	No
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Mesa Grande	Mark Romero	Member	No
	Jamul	Raymond Hunter Sr.	Alternate	No
Caltrans		Laurie Berman	Member	Yes
		Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority		Elsa Saxod	Member	Yes
		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	No