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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• COBRO RECOMMENDATIONS

• BORDERS CHAPTER OF THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS |  
2. MEETING SUMMARY OF APRIL 18, 2003 (PP. 4-5) | **APPROVE**
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS | (Each speaker limited to three minutes.)

**CONSENT (ITEM 4)**
The Borders Committee will review the consent agenda without further discussion unless an item is pulled by a Committee member or a member of the public for comment.

4. COMMITTEE ON BINATIONAL REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (COBRO) MEETING SUMMARY OF MAY 6, 2003 (PP. 7-9) | **INFORMATION**

**REPORTS**

5. CHAIR AND MEMBERS REPORTS | **INFORMATION**

6. COBRO RECOMMENDATIONS (Elsa Saxod, Chair, COBRO) (PP. 10-11) | **APPROVE**

COBRO Chair Elsa Saxod will present recommendations for action as discussed and approved by the COBRO Committee.

7. BORDERS CHAPTER OF THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (Hector Vanegas, SANDAG Staff) (PP. 12-15) | **REVIEW / COMMENT**

Staff will present the “Actions and Implementation” portion of the outline for the Borders Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan for the Committee’s review.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION | **INFORMATION**
The next meeting of the Borders Committee will be held on Friday, June 20, 2003 at 12:30 p.m. in SANDAG’s 7th Floor Conference Room.

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Visit us on the Web at: www.sandag.org (under binational)
The regularly scheduled meeting of the San Diego Association of Governments Borders Committee was called to order by Chair Crystal Crawford (North County Coastal). Other members in attendance were Patricia McCoy (South County), Ed Gallo (North County Inland), Jill Greer (East County), Ralph Inzunza (City of San Diego), Victor Carrillo (Imperial County); and alternates David Powell (North County Coastal) and Phil Monroe (South County). Ex-Officio members in attendance were Tom Buckley (Riverside County), Gene Pound (Caltrans), and Angelika Villagrana (representing COBRO).

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

   The Chair welcomed the Committee members and guests to the meeting, and asked for self introductions.

2. **MEETING SUMMARY OF MARCH 21, 2003**

   Action: The Borders Committee approved the March 21, 2003 Borders Committee summary.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

   There were no public comments made.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS (#4)**

5. **COMMITTEE ON BINATIONAL REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (INFORMATION)**

   The Chair pointed out that the upcoming COBRO summer conference will be held on July 11, 2003. The Committee accepted the meeting summary from the April 1, 2003 COBRO meeting.

6. **REPORTS**

   **CHAIR AND MEMBERS REPORTS (INFORMATION)**

   The Chair briefly discussed the April 2, 2003 meeting on Border Energy Issues and indicated that she will continue to report on the progress of the energy group. The next meeting of this group is tentatively scheduled for May 14, 2003 in Tijuana, Baja California.
The Chair encouraged the members to participate in the upcoming North American Development Bank-Border Environmental Cooperation Commission (NADB-BECC) Regional Workshop to be held in National City on April 29, 2003.

6. **BORDERS CHAPTER OF THE RCP (DISCUSSION/APPROVE)**

The Committee reviewed the proposed goals to be developed in the Borders chapter and demonstrated a desire to have each goal reflect the overall needs in each issue area. In regards to the housing issue, Ralph Inzunza suggested that the region should come to terms with the fact that, in the future, San Diego’s housing needs will in part be met outside of this region. In regards to transportation, Gene Pound suggested focusing on transportation systems to better connect all the subregions of San Diego. On energy, the Committee felt the goal should reflect both the need for sustainable energy as well as the need to find an efficient way to move energy throughout the borders regions.

The Committee also discussed the need to cross-reference material in other chapters where appropriate, to avoid duplication of information. By doing so, more attention can be paid to those borders’ topics not covered in other areas of the RCP.

**Action:** The Committee approved the following goals for each area:

- **Jobs/Housing Balance:** “Implement collaborative economic development, transportation, and housing strategies throughout the Borders region to create sustainable and responsible interregional growth.”
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- **Economic Development:** “Support economic development efforts along the Border regions.”
- **National Security:** “Implement national security measures while protecting the quality of life of the Baja California/San Diego region.”

7. **IMPERIAL COUNTY PLAN (INFORMATION)**

Borders Committee member Supervisor Victor Carrillo, Imperial County, introduced Jurg Heuberger, Imperial County Planning Department, who gave the Committee an overview of the key planning issues facing that county. Mr. Heuberger highlighted the uniqueness of Imperial County and mentioned the areas where Imperial and San Diego County have similarities.

Imperial County has a population of approximately 150,000 people, maintains a productive agricultural base and is beginning to draw many home buyers from outside its boundaries.
due to affordable housing prices. The Committee discussed this emerging housing issue as well as the potential for a new air cargo airport, high-speed rail, and energy development in Imperial County. Overall, Imperial County is dealing with many similar issues to those of San Diego County such as transportation corridor planning, energy, and trade infrastructure development. Mr. Heuberger also indicated that health and welfare costs associated with migration are a major concern for his county.

8.  NEXT MEETING TOPICS, DATE, AND LOCATION (INFORMATION/APPROVE)

Action: The Borders Committee approved the next meeting date of Friday, May 16, 2003

GARY L. GALLEGOS
Executive Director
The May 6, 2003, COBRO meeting was called to order by the COBRO Chair, Elsa Saxod.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed the COBRO members and guests to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The Chair was pleased to welcome new member Wendell Sanford, representing the Consul General of Canada in Los Angeles and congratulated David Shirk on his new position as Director of the Transborder Institute at the University of San Diego.

2. **MEETING SUMMARY OF APRIL 1, 2003**

The meeting summary for April 1, 2003, was accepted with no changes.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION**

There were no public comments.

4. **CHAIR AND COBRO MEMBERS REPORT**

Chair Saxod reported that Ambassador Davidow will be the new President of the Institute of the Americas and asked that COBRO members report on recent meetings of interest to the group. The following was discussed:

- Professor Paul Ganster, Institute of the Americas, reported on the fifth gathering of the Border Institute (sponsored by the Southwest Center for Environmental Research and Policy) which dealt with environmental indicators and their relation to human health. An executive summary of the meeting will be available shortly as will complete meeting minutes.

- Alejandra Mier y Teran, Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce, briefly discussed a meeting held to discuss the state of the ports. At the meeting, Adele Fasano, DHS, reported that a new workgroup has been formed to focus directly on the commercial ports of entry and that the Otay Mesa Port of Entry will begin 24 hour operations in October of this year. Ms. Mier y Teran also voiced concern over the implementation of pre-inspection requirements that are expected to be implemented at the ports of entry in the near future. Chair Saxod suggested that COBRO hold a briefing on this subject once more information is available.
Hernando Duran, Commission for Northern Border Affairs, gave the group an overview of the meeting between U.S. Department of Homeland Security Director, Governor Tom Ridge, and Secretary Crill of Mexico. At the meeting, they discussed strategies for improving security at the border and signed an accord to support measures to improve security and functions at the ports of entry. This included an intention to develop a new model for binational planning in these areas. Marta Lima, San Diego Dialogue, also reported on a meeting held between Governor Ridge and a number of local private sector representatives.

Doug Perkins, South County EDC, reported that the recent meeting hosted by his organization regarding NADBank funding opportunities for the region was a success. Attendees received information regarding new guidelines for funding and had an opportunity to speak directly with NADBank representatives. The EDC is hoping to see a more permanent NADBank presence in the region in the future. A written overview of the event with contact information for NADBank representatives will be provided as a follow up action.

Dave Fege, US EPA, briefly discussed the upcoming May 29th Border 2012 meeting in Calexico. He highlighted the significance of the meeting as the first of its kind (there will be two regional meetings a year) and indicated that Border 2012 will have a greater state and local focus than its predecessor Border XXI. Border 2012 and related documents are available on the EPA web site at [www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder](http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder).

Sergio Pallares, Caltrans, informed the Committee of the next Bridges and Border Crossings Meeting to be held in Saltillo, Coahuila on May 26-28 and indicated that because of budget shortfalls, Caltrans would not be attending. The Committee discussed the importance of having a San Diego/Tijuana presence at the meeting.

Kristen Aliotti, Governor’s Office of U.S.-Mexico Affairs, reported on two meetings held by staff of elected officials who work on border issues and reminded the Committee of the upcoming August 7-8 Border Governor’s Conference. Ms. Aliotti also requested information regarding the status of the Border Caucus. Caridad Sanchez, the Office of Congresswoman Susan Davis, will look into the request.

Viviana Ibañez, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to attend a welcome lunch reception on May 16th, for the new Director of the Institute of the Americas, Ambassador Jeffery Davidow.

Victor Padilla, City of Tijuana, sent regrets on the part of Humberto Inzunza who was unable to attend and provided the Committee with information regarding transportation infrastructure improvements south of the San Ysidro-Puerta Mexico Port of Entry. The City of Tijuana is spending $3.5 million to streamline traffic flow from Puerta Mexico in anticipation of expanding the number of lanes from Puerta Mexico into the city. The project includes the construction of three new bridges and is scheduled to be complete in October of this year.

Joanna Salazar, SANDAG staff, reported on a water conference convened by the Institute of the Americas on April 23, 2003. At this meeting, long term regional and binational water supply issues were discussed.
5. **STAFF REPORT**

Hector Vanegas, SANDAG staff, briefed the Committee on progress being made for planning the next Summer Conference which will be held on July 11, 2003.

6. **SAFE BORDER ACT**

Caridad Sanchez, Office of Congresswoman Susan Davis provided the Committee with a brief overview and update regarding this legislation.

**Action:** The Committee approved sending a recommendation to the Borders Committee to support this legislation.

7. **SAN DIEGO ALLIANCE FOR BORDER EFFICIENCY (ABE)**

Angelica Villagrana, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, informed the Committee of the ABE goals, objectives and mission. She indicated that the ABE has wide membership, has presented its goals to a number of elected officials in the region, and now is seeking formal support for its goals from SANDAG.

**Action:** The Committee approved sending a recommendation to the Borders Committee to support the goals and objectives of the San Diego Alliance for Border Efficiency.

8. **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR MEXICO’S NORTHERN BORDER, 2002-2006**

Dr. Victor Adan Lopez Camacho, Mexico’s Commission for Northern Border Affairs, gave the Committee an extensive overview of Mexico’s development program for the northern border region. He indicated that this work has been completed by Mexico’s Commission for Northern Border Affairs, which was created by Presidential Decree in 2001 to oversee development issues along the northern border. This is the first program developed specifically for the border region, encompassing the six northern border states.

The program seeks to strengthen the economy, improve the quality of life, provide sufficient infrastructure and protect the environment and natural resources of the northern border region. Dr. Camacho made note of the existing conditions related to economic development, monetary and fiscal policy, international economics and political challenges within which the program will function. Dr. Camacho provided the Committee with CD roms containing the entire document and agreed to return to answer any questions once the Committee members have had a chance to review the entire document.

9. **COBRO 2003 GOALS AND WORK PROGRAM**

This item was tabled until the June meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE, AND LOCATION**

The Committee’s next meeting is Tuesday, June 3, 2003 from 3:00 to 4:30 in Tijuana.

**ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**
San Diego Association of Governments

BORDERS COMMITTEE

May 16, 2003

AGENDA REPORT NO.: 6

Action Requested: APPROVE

COBRO RECOMMENDATIONS

Introduction

The Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities is recommending that the Borders Committee approve the following recommendations regarding the efficient functioning of our border transportation systems.

RECOMMENDATION

that the Borders Committee support the SAFE Border Act of 2003 and recommend that the SANDAG Board of Directors send a letter of support for this legislation, and

that the Borders Committee support the recommended objectives developed by the San Diego Alliance for Border Efficiency and forward these recommendations to the SANDAG Board of Directors.

Discussion

Secure and Fast Entry at the Border Act of 2003

Congresswoman Susan A. Davis, District 53, has introduced a modified version of an initiative presented to the 107th Congress last year. The new version, revised to take into account the newly created Department of Homeland Security, was introduced to the 108th Congress early this year. Last year, the Borders Committee approved a recommendation that the SANDAG Board of Directors send a letter of support for the SAFE Border Act of 2002 (then HR 4837).

The SAFE Border Act of 2003 seeks to implement the Port Passenger Accelerated Service System (PortPASS) as a permanent pre-inspection technology program for land border inspection facilities which will speed the passage of low-risk travelers into the U.S. The initiative states that PortPASS programs “strengthen the U.S. borders without impeding legitimate traffic needed for the nation’s economic health.” The SAFE Border Act of 2003 places PortPASS programs within the framework of the new Department of Homeland Security. This program would:

- Utilize interoperable technology;
- Have dedicated staff with appropriate training and instruction, and greater resources to facilitate and expedite the processing of applications for the Secure Electronic Network for Travelers’ Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) program;
- Create a pre-inspection low-risk traveler dedicated commuter lane for pedestrian land border crossers; and
- Approve a minimum two-year validity for the SENTRI Program for non-commercial vehicles.
The San Diego Alliance for Border Efficiency

The San Diego Alliance for Border Efficiency (ABE) was formed in September, 2002, to establish a dialogue on the main issues related to the region’s ports of entry and to formulate recommendations that can improve operations, speed up modernization and expedite new infrastructure. The objectives presented by the ABE reflect the work of the agencies and organizations involved in border related issues and are aimed towards developing ideas that can help diminish wait times at our international ports of entry and, therefore, diminish impacts on the border community.

The San Diego ABE is a partnership that is comprised of local public, private and academic representatives. It seeks to advocate for the reduction of border wait times at land ports of entry throughout the San Diego-Baja California region and promotes the secure and efficient inspection and movement of people, goods and services at the points of entry. The Alliance has developed a set of three specific objectives that seek to ensure strict security measures, while preserving the quality of life of the communities that rely on a fast and efficient flow of people and goods across the border. The objectives are:

**To Expedite Commercial/Passenger Crossings by:**
- Expanding the Virginia Avenue – El Chaparral Port of Entry
- Fully funding SR-905
- Finding a permanent solution to mitigate the southbound truck route congestion
- Expanding commercial/passenger hours of operations at the Ports of Entry
- Increasing and retaining federal inspectors at the Ports of Entry
- Ensuring that the number of north and southbound vehicle lanes are sufficient to meet regional growth
- Promoting cooperation between the United States and Mexico on Ports of Entry planning and operation

**To implement Smart Technology at Ports of Entry by:**
- Expanding SENTRI (Secure Electronic Network for Traveler’s Rapid Inspection), streamlining the application process, and extending the renewal period
- Developing a pedestrian frequent crossers pre-clearance program similar to SENTRI
- Supporting the San Diego/Baja California Ports of Entry as a test market for smart border technology
- Using technology to balance the high-level of inspections and the flow of people and goods across the border

*To mitigate impacts of implementation of Entry-Exit controls by:
- Avoiding the implementation of programs that create southbound border congestion
- Developing the necessary infrastructure prior to DMIA implementation

*(This is referring to the implementation of the Data Management Improvement Act, DMIA, an integrated entry and exit system that will be implemented at the 50 highest traffic land border Ports of Entry no later than December 31, 2004. This is in response to the directive to manage foreign travelers contained in Section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, which requires the establishment of an integrated entry-exit data control system by the end of 2004.)*
BORDERS CHAPTER OF THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Introduction

The Borders Committee is tasked with developing the Borders Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). To date, the Committee has approved core values for the chapter, reviewed the issues to be developed in the chapter, determined the organizational structure and drafted the policies, principles and goals portion of the chapter. At this time, the Committee should review and comment the Actions and Implementation section of the outline (Attachment A).

Discussion

Last month the Borders Committee approved the following seven issue specific goals for the Borders Chapter:

- **Jobs/Housing Balance**: Implement collaborative economic development, transportation, and housing strategies throughout the Borders region to create sustainable and responsible interregional growth.
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- **Water**: Pursue diversification of overall water supply in order to reduce dependency on imported water and to ensure regional water reliability.
- **Economic Development**: Support economic development efforts along the Borders region.
- **National Security**: Implement national security measures while protecting the quality of life of the Baja California/San Diego region.

In order for the RCP to be an action oriented document, actions, implementation responsibilities and performance measures need to be developed to meet these goals. The Committee should, therefore, review and discuss the recommendations for developing this section of the Borders Chapter (outlined in Attachment A).
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<td>• Continue to develop, evaluate, and refine established mechanisms for interregional coordination on issues of common concern.</td>
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<td>• Evaluate the potential for other interregional partnerships with other neighboring counties and Mexico to address land use and transportation needs.</td>
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<td>• Coordinate inter-regionally with public agencies and private organizations to identify specific strategies to encourage job development in housing rich areas and provide housing opportunities in job rich areas.</td>
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<td>2. Complete transportation systems along key trade corridors, interregional commuting corridors and ports of entry.</td>
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<td>• Secure funding for needed transportation infrastructure in the region's border areas and coordinate the implementation of border-related capital and operating improvements with the federal General Services Administration (GSA).</td>
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3. Provide energy generation and transmission systems to sustain the Borders region.

- Work with counterparts in Orange, Riverside and Imperial County and the Republic of Mexico to coordinate efforts to assure a reliable energy supply for the region.  
  SANDAG, Regional Energy Office (SDREO), Sempra

- Support the efforts of the Border Energy Forum (BEF) and its recommendations for binational energy related issues.  
  SANDAG, local jurisdictions, Border Energy Forum (BEF) members

- Develop binationally recognized rules of the road for energy generation and transmission in the California-Baja California region.  
  BEF

- Support the development of an institutional mechanism to oversee and modify rules or regulations over time.  
  SANDAG, BEF, SDREO, local jurisdictions

4. Preserve and enhance ecosystem biodiversity throughout the Borders region with an emphasis on issues relating to habitat corridors, watersheds and air basins.

- Work with local, state and federal landowners, NGOs and communities on both sides of the San Diego-Tijuana-Tecate border to develop strategies and actions to protect areas with high suitability for conservation.  
  SANDAG, County of San Diego, City of San Diego, Mexico, Pronatura

- Promote communication between the north county jurisdictions and Orange and Riverside authorities to link existing and planned habitat corridors in those areas.  
  SANDAG, SWRCOG, OCAG, SCAG

- Coordinate potential east-west habitat corridor planning with Imperial.  
  SANDAG, Imperial County

- Support coordinated planning efforts in the Tijuana River Watershed.  
  SANDAG

- Support local initiatives to coordinate binational air quality colaboration where appropriate along the U.S.-Mexico border.  
  SANDAG, BEF, APCD

5. Pursue diversification of overall water supply in order to reduce dependency on imported water and to ensure regional water reliability.

- Continue to pursue funding through existing and future federal, state and regional programs for development of local projects.  
  CWA, its member agencies, and other local agencies

- Work with regulatory agencies to pursue regulatory changes more conducive to water recycling.  
  CWA, its member agencies, and other local agencies
• Continue to pursue implementation of the transfer agreement with the Imperial Irrigation District and pursue other potential transfers.  

CWA

• Continue to pursue desalination options for the region.  

CWA

• Explore potential water reliability options with Mexico.  

CWA

6. Support economic development efforts along the Borders region.

• Support economic development efforts in Southern Riverside to increase jobs and reduce interregional commuting patterns.  

SANDAG, SWRCOG, Riverside EDC’s

• Work with Imperial County to identify actions to diversify its economy and promote job creation in that community.  

SANDAG, Imperial County, EDC’s

• Coordinate with the appropriate authorities in Mexico to support economic development in Mexico  

SANDAG, Mexico, Chambers of Commerce and EDC’s

7. Implement national security measures while protecting the quality of life of the Baja California/San Diego region.

• Develop and implement a mechanism for local input regarding security decisions that will affect San Diego and its border regions.  

Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Defense (DOD), Mexico

• Support measures that improve our border security, while at the same time facilitate the flow of people, goods and services through our ports of entry  

SANDAG, DHS, DOD, Mexico

• Implement smart technologies at the ports of entry  

DHS, Mexico

• Support the use and expansion of pre-inspection technology programs such as the SENTRI  

SANDAG, member agencies, other local, state, federal and community entities, Mexico

• Work with the DHS to make data and other resources available to enhance security at the U.S.-Mexico border and ensure the integrity and safety of pertinent interregional infrastructure.  

SANDAG, DHS, Mexico

• Promote international and interregional cooperation and collaboration to insure public safety and continue to provide safe, efficient, and effective public services.  

DHS, Orange, Riverside and Imperial Counties, Mexico