



**BORDERS COMMITTEE
APRIL 22, 2016**

ACTION REQUESTED – APPROVE

**JOINT MEETING OF THE BORDERS COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON
BINATIONAL REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS**

FEBRUARY 26, 2016

The joint meeting of the Borders Committee and the Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO) was called to order by Chair John Minto (East County) at 12:46 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

Chair Minto welcomed Borders Committee members, members of COBRO, and the municipalities of Tijuana, Tecate, and Playas de Rosarito, and the State of Baja California.

Remedios Gómez-Arnau, Consulate General of Mexico in San Diego, thanked attendees for their participation.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland), and a second by Vice Chair Greg Cox (County of San Diego), the Borders Committee approved the minutes from the January 22, 2016, meeting. Yes – Chair Minto, Vice Chair Cox, Mayor Pro Tem Lorraine Wood (North County Coastal), Councilmember Gallo, and Mayor Serge Dedina (South County). No – None. Abstain – None. Absent – City of San Diego and Imperial County.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Carmen Romo, Tijuana Calidad de Vida A.C., spoke about active transportation and invited committee members to participate in the annual 2016 Tijuaneando en Bici event on Friday, May 20, 2016.

Fausto Castillo, Instituto Metropolitano de Planeación de Tijuana (IMPLAN), spoke about the City Changer Lab Tijuana-San Diego “Jóvenes @Fronteras/Youth @Borders” to be held on March 11-13, 2016.

Sue Prelozni, Sustainable Surplus, spoke about cross-border trade to facilitate the donation of items to schools and non-profit organizations.

Lorena Flores, Tijuana Tourism Authority, invited committee members to attend an event to unveil the 2016 Tijuana Tourism Plan on March 23, 2016.

David Moreno, Tijuana Economic Development Corporation, spoke about recent updates to the Tijuana, Tecate, and Playas de Rosarito Strategic Metropolitan Plan.

CONSENT

3. 2016 BINATIONAL SEMINAR (INFORMATION)

The 2016 binational event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

Action: This item was presented for information.

REPORTS

4. SUBREGIONAL REPORTS FROM BORDERS COMMITTEE MEMBERS (INFORMATION)

Juan Tintos, City of Rosarito, provided an update on completed projects and current development in Playas de Rosarito.

Mayor Dedina spoke about a friendship agreement signed between the Cities of Imperial Beach and the Playas de Rosarito. Mayor Dedina invited committee members to attend Fiesta del Mar, a cross-border celebration on April 30, 2016, at Imperial Beach Pier Plaza.

Laurie Berman, Caltrans District 11 Director, spoke about the Otay Mesa East project and the High Level Economic Dialogue.

Mariano Escobedo, State of Baja California, spoke about the importance of cross-border collaboration.

Councilmember Martha Leticia Castañeda, City of Tijuana, thanked committee members for their collaboration and efforts on various projects.

Councilmember Rosa Aurora Martínez, City of Tijuana, thanked committee members for their collaboration and efforts on various projects.

Síndico Social Bernabe Esquer, City of Tijuana, thanked committee members for their collaboration and efforts on various projects.

Councilmember Jose Cañada, City of Tijuana, thanked committee members for their collaboration and efforts on various projects.

Hector Esparza, City of Tecate, thanked committee members for their collaboration and efforts on various projects.

Paola Avila, Executive Director, Mexico Business Center, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, invited committee members to attend the 11th Annual Binational Trip to Mexico City on April 17-20, 2016.

Action: This item was presented for information.

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

This item was pulled from the agenda.

6. CHULA VISTA UNIVERSITY AND INNOVATION DISTRICT (INFORMATION)

Denise Ducheny, U3 Advisors, provided information on the project, which could have tremendous impact for the City of Chula Vista as well as the greater binational region.

Action: This item was presented for information.

7. CROSS BORDER XPRESS (INFORMATION)

This item was pulled from the agenda.

8. CITY OF TIJUANA MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM (INFORMATION)

Councilmember Castañeda introduced the item.

Nuria Pujol, City of Tijuana, provided a presentation on the new Tijuana Mass Transit System project, which was listed as the highest national priority in Mexico's National Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION)

Chair Minto presented a certificate of appreciation to elected officials from the municipalities of Tijuana, Tecate, and Playas de Rosarito, and the State of Baja California.

Vice Chair Cox spoke about goals related to cross-border bicycle facilities and trails.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2016, at 12:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
 SANDAG BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
 FEBRUARY 26, 2016**

JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
South County	Serge Dedina	Member	Yes
	Bill Sandke	Alternate	Yes
North County Coastal	Lorraine Wood	Member	Yes
	Al Corti	Alternate	No
North County Inland	Ed Gallo	Member	Yes
	Jim Cunningham	Alternate	No
East County	John Minto (Chair)	Member	Yes
	Ruth Sterling	Alternate	Yes
City of San Diego	David Alvarez	Member	No
	Mark Kersey	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Greg Cox (Vice Chair)	Member	Yes
	Dianne Jacob	Alternate	No
Imperial County	John Renison	Member	No
	Maritza Hurtado	Alternate	No
ADVISORY MEMBERS			
County of Riverside	Marsha Swanson	Member	Yes
	Shellie Milne	Alternate	No
Republic of Mexico	Remedios Gomez-Arnau	Member	Yes
	Rafael Laveaga	Alternate	No
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Michael Garcia	Member	Yes
	Cody Martinez	Alternate	No
Caltrans	Laurie Berman	Member	Yes
	Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority	Elsa Saxod	Member	No
	Ken Olson	Alternate	No
SCAG	Naresh Amatya	Member	No
	VACANT	Alternate	---
County of Orange	Jim Ferryman	Member	Yes
	Jim Dahl	Alternate	No