

**San Diego Association of Governments**  
**INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON**  
**TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

April 12, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **3**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

JANUARY 25, 2017, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 3400500

The meeting of the Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues (Working Group) was called to order by Working Group Co-Chair Erica Pinto (Jamul Indian Village of California) at 10:12 a.m.

1. WELCOME BY JAMUL TRIBAL COUNCIL AND SELF INTRODUCTIONS (INFORMATION)

Co-Chair Pinto welcomed the Working Group to the Hollywood Casino at Jamul Indian Village. Chris Pinto (Jamul Indian Village of California) conducted the opening prayer. Meeting attendees made self-introductions.

Tribal nations represented: Barona Band of Mission Indians, Campo Kumeyaay Nation, Jamul Indian Village of California, La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, and Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS (INFORMATION)

There were no public or member comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Michael Hunter (Jamul Indian Village of California) and a second by John Beresford (La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians), the Working Group approved the minutes from the November 30, 2016, meeting. Yes – Thorpe Romero (Barona Band of Mission Indians), Marcus Cuero (Campo Kumeyaay Nation), Thomas Rodriguez (La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians), Eric LaChappa (La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation), Andrew Orosco Jr. (San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians), Lisa Haws (Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation), and Ray Teran (Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Nation). No – None. Abstain – None. Absent – Ewiiapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, Pala Band of Mission Indians, Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, and Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians.

## **REPORTS**

### **4. SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN: DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL CONSULTATION PLAN FOR THE 2019 REGIONAL PLAN (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Claudine Montes (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association) and Jane Clough (SANDAG) presented this item to the Working Group. Federal law requires that SANDAG prepare a long-range transportation plan and make an air quality conformity determination every four years. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted the current plan, known as San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan (Regional Plan), in 2015. As part of the update scheduled for adoption in 2019, SANDAG must develop a Tribal Consultation Plan before the update begins to ensure the timely and meaningful engagement of tribal nations in the decision-making process. The Working Group was asked to review the structure of the Tribal Consultation Plan for the Regional Plan and provide input and feedback on how to structure tribal consultation for this cycle.

As many of those present at the Working Group were not involved in the development of the 2015 Tribal Consultation Plan, it was agreed that Ms. Montes and Ms. Clough would update the existing document for the current cycle's timelines and new considerations and bring a draft to the Working Group at the next meeting for discussion. The draft will be sent to Working Group members in advance of the meeting to allow for meaningful discussion.

### **5. ASSEMBLY BILL 52 TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCE CONSULTATION FOR SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN (INFORMATION)**

Andrew Martin (SANDAG) provided the Working Group with an overview of the Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, 2014) (AB 52) process for the 2019 Regional Plan. On October 5, 2016, staff sent letters to California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the San Diego region announcing initiation of the planning process for an update to the Regional Plan and preparation of a new Environmental Impact Report. Pursuant to AB 52, tribes had 30 days from receipt of the letter to request tribal cultural resource consultation. Eight tribes sent response letters, and SANDAG is in the process of determining the preferred method for consultation with each of the tribes.

Mr. Martin noted that if the tribes who requested consultation decide to hold a collective consultation meeting, this meeting would be open to other interested tribes who did not send a response letter. The Working Group also will receive periodic updates on the AB 52 process for those who remain interested.

### **6. WORKSHOP ON INTRAREGIONAL TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY (DISCUSSION)**

Matt Horton (Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.) provided the Working Group with an update on the development of the Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy, funded by a Caltrans Strategic Partnership Planning Grant provided to SANDAG and the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association. The transportation needs survey was completed in the fall of 2016, cost estimates were calculated, and a tool for analyzing the identified projects was developed. Work has been done on clustering the projects using different organizing principles. The strategic document will be developed based on direction provided by the Working Group. The Working Group was asked to examine three alternative ways of organizing the strategic document by prioritizing different project criteria.

After reviewing the three options and opening the floor to discussion, the Working Group determined that their preferred organizing criteria were corridor, funding partner, and cost.

SANDAG will distribute a survey to the Working Group members to determine what order the criteria will be presented in. Once the criteria have been organized, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. will develop a draft of the strategic document for presentation at the next Working Group meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. LaChappa and a second by Mr. Hunter, the Working Group approved the use of corridor, funding partner, and cost as the primary sorting criteria for the strategic document. Yes – Mr. Romero, Mr. Cuero, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. LaChappa, Mr. Orosco, Ms. Haws, and Mr. Teran. No – None. Abstain – None. Absent – Ewiiapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, Pala Band of Mission Indians, Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, and Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians.

#### 7. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Co-Chair Pinto opened the floor to topics for the next meeting.

Topics will include the presentation of a draft Tribal Consultation Plan for the 2019 Regional Plan by Ms. Montes and Ms. Clough, updates on the AB 52 process, and the presentation of the draft Intra-regional Tribal Transportation Strategy document.

Mr. Orosco noted that he would like to see a dialogue begun among leaders regarding how to plan for disasters and emergencies. He requested that representatives from the County of San Diego, Caltrans, and potentially the Federal Emergency Management Agency speak on partnership opportunities and potential funding sources at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and will be hosted by the San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians.

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Pinto at 12:18 p.m.

**INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES  
MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY 25, 2017**

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
Barona Band of Mission Indians	Raymond Welch	No	
	Albert "Boxie" Phoenix	No	
	Clifford LaChappa	No	
	Sheilla Alvarez, Alternate	Yes	
	Melissa Donayre, Alternate	No	
Campo Kumeyaay Nation	Harry Cuero, Jr.	No	
	Marcus Cuero, Alternate	Yes	
Ewiiapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Roberto Pinto, Sr.	No	
Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel	Virgil Perez	No	
Jamul Indian Village of California	Erica Pinto, Co-Chair	Yes	
	Michael A. Hunter, Alternate	Yes	
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	Adam Geisler, Chair	No	
	Thomas Rodriguez	Yes	
	George Wilkins, Alternate	Yes	
	John Beresford, Alternate	Yes	
	Mark Lofton, Alternate	No	
La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Eric LaChappa	Yes	
	Javaughn Miller, Alternate	No	
Pala Band of Mission Indians	Robert Smith	No	
	Howard Maxcy Jr.	No	
	Sheila Lopez, Alternate	No	
	Shasta Gaughen, Alternate	No	
	Marcos Orozco, Alternate	No	
Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians	Temet Aguilar	No	
	Dale Brush, Alternate	No	
Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	Frank Mazzetti, III	No	
	Alfonso Kolb, Sr., Alternate	No	
San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians	Steve Cope	No	
	Andrew Orosco, Jr., Alternate	Yes	
	Dave Toler, Alternate	No	
Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Cody Martinez	No	
	Sid Morris, Alternate	No	

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians	Robert "Cita" Welch, Jr.	No	
	Victor Woods	No	
	Don Butz, Alternate	No	
	Darwin Tewanger, Alternate	No	
	Samuel Brown, Alternate	No	
<b>ADVISORY MEMBERS LISTED BELOW (ATTENDANCE <b>NOT</b> COUNTED FOR QUORUM PURPOSES)</b>			
Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association	Claudine Montes	Yes	
	Denis Turner, Alternate	No	
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern California	Steve Wilkie	No	
	Robert "RJ" Eben, Alternate	No	
Caltrans, District 11	Chi Vargas	Yes	
County of San Diego	Eric Lardy	Yes	
	Sheri McPherson, Alternate	No	
Metropolitan Transit System	Janelle Carey	No	
	Sharon Cooney, Alternate	No	
North County Transit District	Johnny Dunning	No	
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b>		<b>SANDAG STAFF MEMBERS LISTED BELOW</b>	
Thorpe Romero, Barona Brandon Linton, Mesa Grande Ania Rzepko, Sycuan Tina Meza, Jamul Lisa Haws, Sycuan Noah Alvey, Planning Manager, County of San Diego Lincoln James, AECOM John P. Ruise Robert Ruise Ray Teran, Viejas Richard Chin, County of San Diego Matt Horton, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. Leo Espelet, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.		Charles "Muggs" Stoll Jane Clough Elisa Arias Carolina Ilic Andrew Martin Valerie Erze	