

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

November 15, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **3**

Action Requested: APPROVE

AUGUST 2, 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 Co-Chair Erica Pinto, Jamul Indian Village of California, at 10:05 a.m.

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

Victor Woods, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, welcomed the Working Group members and public. He noted that Viejas looks forward to the continued development and implementation of the Intra-regional Tribal Transportation Strategy (ITTS).

Paul Cuero, Campo Kumeyaay Nation, conducted the opening blessing.

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, Pala Band of Mission Indians, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians, and Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

2. PUBLIC/MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS (INFORMATION)

Joan Harper, National Indian Justice Center [NIJC], provided the Working Group with updates on upcoming workshops and projects related to a Tribal Transportation Safety Planning project, as well as a Tribal Road Safety Data Project in conjunction with University of California, Berkeley. She provided handouts with workshop dates.

Ms. Harper also noted that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is reorganizing Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) centers into virtual centers that will be focused on specific transportation topics. She noted the NIJC will not be the western TTAP center, but will continue to provide technical assistance through grants.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Edwin “Thorpe” Romero (Barona Band of Mission Indians) and a second by Alfonso Kolb Sr. (Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians), the Working Group approved the minutes from its April 12, 2017, meeting. Yes: Co-Chair Pinto, Vice Chair Andrew Orosco Jr. (San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians), Mr. Romero, Harry Cuero Jr. (Campo Kumeyaay Nation), John Beresford (La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians), Chris Nejo (Pala Band of Mission Indians), Mr. Kolb, and Ray Teran (Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians). No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ewiiapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, and Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.

REPORTS

4A. DRAFT INTRAREGIONAL TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG and the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) received a Caltrans Strategic Partnership Planning Grant to develop an Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy (ITTS). At its April 12, 2017, meeting, the Working Group discussed proposed strategic actions to include in the draft ITTS.

Staff presented the Working Group the draft ITTS for review and comment. Dr. Jane Clough, Senior Regional Planner, provided an overview of the document structure, as well as an explanation of the four strategies proposed in the document. She highlighted other areas of interest in the document including existing conditions; project maps and inventories; a description of the project cost estimating process; an overview of federal, state, and regional agency transportation planning processes; and resources including other funding opportunities.

Dr. Clough then explained the anticipated timeline for finalizing the ITTS; the ITTS is scheduled to be taken to the SCTCA Board meeting on August 15, the SANDAG Transportation Committee on September 15, the SANDAG Borders Committee on October 27, and the SANDAG Board of Directors in November.

Dr. Clough noted that all ideas, suggestions, and input were welcomed and could be returned by marking up pages of the hard copy document and scanning them, or any other method preferred by the Working Group. She noted that initial changes should be received by August 11 to allow for incorporation prior to the August 15, 2017, SCTCA Board meeting.

Coleen Clementson, Principal Regional Planner, clarified that any immediate input would be taken to the SCTCA, but that the official public comment period would last for 45 days after the ITTS was taken to the Transportation Committee, so there would be time for additional feedback on the document.

Dr. Clough noted that the goal is to have the ITTS finalized and accepted by the end of the calendar year, but that it would continue to be a living document for the purpose of the Working Group.

4B. SENATE BILL 1 POTENTIAL PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES (DISCUSSION)

Michelle Smith, Senior Project Control Analyst, provided an overview of Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), which was adopted in May 2017. She noted that this bill is the first significant stable and ongoing increase in transportation funding in 20 years. The bill is funded through an increased gas and diesel tax, as well as an increase in vehicle fee amount and a fee for zero-emission vehicles. Ms. Smith explained

that the goal of the funding is to better improve existing roads, with the California Transportation Commission providing oversight for this program.

Dr. Clough explained that a meeting between the SANDAG and SCTCA leadership occurred on June 30, where leadership discussed the ITTS as well as SB 1 funding opportunities. At the meeting, it was decided that the Working Group should identify projects that may be strong candidates for the funding and bring them back to leadership. Kimley-Horn was asked to do an initial query of the tribal project database for projects focused on safety and/or existing infrastructure improvement. Their query also focused on providing a diverse group of projects with geographic variance. The list developed by Kimley-Horn was provided to the Working Group.

Dr. Clough stated that the deadline for submitting feedback on the project list would be one week from the Working Group meeting, August 9, 2017.

Co-Chair Pinto noted that the projects on the list in the State Route 94 corridor were mitigation projects from the Hollywood Casino, so she would work with others to identify new projects for this corridor.

Mr. Teran voiced his support for the Interstate 8 West recommendation of Project 15 on behalf of Viejas.

Dr. Clough highlighted Project 84 as one that floated to the top. Chi Vargas, Caltrans, commented that with the passage of SB 1, new operational money will be available and may help fund projects that have been lower on the list of Caltrans priorities.

5. COLLABORATIVE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (DISCUSSION)

Co-Chair Pinto introduced this item by reiterating that part of the goal of the ITTS was to capture a list of projects that can be used on short notice when tribal project information is requested. She introduced Elijah Henley of the FHWA, who joined the Working Group by phone to explain work being done to identify tribal transportation needs as they overlap with federal lands.

Mr. Henley explained that the Collaborative Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRTP) is an integrated plan that will feed the transportation needs of federal lands into statewide and the metropolitan transportation planning process. The agencies that are party to the plan include the following Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMAs): the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and Presidio Trust.

Mr. Henley explained that through interagency coordination, the plan will establish common goals and objectives for maintaining and improving regional transportation systems (including roads/bridges rehabilitation, trails, and transit connector services) that provide public access to, through, and within federal lands. The CLRTP also will identify dual funding opportunities based on projects or needs that mutually benefit the FLMAs, state and local agencies, and tribal governments.

Mr. Henley noted that the Central Federal Lands Highway Division has recently developed an online Needs Assessment Tool that is being deployed throughout the state in each Caltrans District and regional planning areas and will be extended for use involving tribal lands. In preparation for the

Working Group meeting, staff queried the ITTS Project Inventory to identify potential projects that meet the federal lands criteria and provided them for the Working Group's consideration.

Mr. Henley noted that because the Working Group had been identifying projects in the San Diego region already, there may not be a need to deploy the tool in the region. He explained that he was joining the Working Group discussion to figure out ways to partner with the existing Working Group process.

Mr. Henley noted that he would review the list of projects included in the Working Group agenda and speak with his team. He explained that his desire was to ensure an inclusive process and that a comprehensive picture of the entire state is available.

Mr. Teran highlighted that safety was consistently the most common concern reported by the Working Group. He noted that SANDAG and SCTCA have built collaborative capacity and can provide technical assistance with the project.

6. UPDATE OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODEL: DESTINATION COUNT (DISCUSSION)

Rick Curry, Senior Transportation Modeler, presented this item to the Working Group. Mr. Curry began by providing background into the regional transportation model and explained that its data are used by local developers and in community plans, studies, and other areas.

He explained that the current regional model update project is underway for use in the development of the San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan (Regional Plan), 2019. He noted that SANDAG has recently completed collecting household travel survey information from 5,000 households, but that the household travel survey does not provide all of the information needed for the model.

Mr. Curry elaborated that since people in the San Diego region take many trips for errands and other activities, the SANDAG modeling team is currently trying to collect information on certain destinations to provide a more accurate model. Areas with few employees but high traffic, such as shopping malls, beaches, tourist sites, and casinos are often difficult to model, so data collection efforts are underway to obtain vehicle and person counts for these destinations.

Mr. Curry explained that as a next step, he will reach out to tribal governments through Dr. Clough to request permission to perform vehicle counts at casinos, or obtain existing data if it exists. He noted that the regional transportation model is focused on weekday activity.

Mr. Curry also highlighted that the data collected for the model will serve as a sample, so not every casino will need to participate. However, he noted that having a sample of different sizes and locations would be beneficial for the modeling process.

Matt Horton, Kimley-Horn, noted that if the model runs well and better data are available, there will be better evidence available to support funding requests and secure funds for tribal projects.

7. FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS (INFORMATION)

Elisa Arias, Principal Regional Planner, presented this item to the Working Group. She explained that SANDAG is working with Caltrans to coordinate new requirements. Ms. Arias explained that Caltrans

will set targets for the three performance management metrics, and then SANDAG as a metropolitan planning organization will do the same.

Since 2015, the FHWA has issued a number of Final Rules that establish performance requirements under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century legislation and are continued under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act. The rules focus on safety, infrastructure conditions, system performance and congestion, and other areas. Ms. Arias provided an overview of the performance management areas, highlighted key provisions and implementation schedule requirements, and detailed the collaboration process that Caltrans has employed in creating statewide targets for the National Performance Management Measures: Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Ms. Arias explained that for the safety target setting process, Caltrans must establish targets by August 31, 2017. She noted that these targets will follow the aspirational goal of zero deaths. SANDAG is required to set safety targets by February 27, 2018, and has the option to support state targets or set its own targets for the region.

Dr. Clough inquired as to how tribal needs are incorporated into the performance measures.

Ms. Arias responded that Caltrans has had held three sessions with tribal governments. State data includes data from all different agencies, and SANDAG will be looking at regional San Diego data to see how it compares with the state. Ms. Arias stated that drafts will be brought to the Working Group.

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

The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled for October 11, 2017, to be hosted by the Pala Band of Mission Indians.

Topics suggested for the next meeting were:

- Comments on the draft ITTS from public comment period
- Office of Emergency Preparedness — tribal relations
- Update on SB1
- Update on the 2019 Regional Plan

Dr. Clough extended a request for Working Group members to email images to staff that can be used for the ITTS document.

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Pinto at 12:11 p.m.

**INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES
 MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 2, 2017**

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
Barona Band of Mission Indians	Raymond Welch	No	
	Edwin "Thorpe" Romero	Yes	
	Sheilla Alvarez, Alternate	Yes	
	Melissa Donayre, Alternate	No	
Campo Kumeyaay Nation	Harry Cuero Jr.	Yes	
	Marcus Cuero, Alternate	Yes	
Ewiaapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Roberto Pinto Sr.	No	
Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel	Virgil Perez	No	
Jamul Indian Village of California	Erica Pinto	Yes	
	Michael A. Hunter, Alternate	Yes	
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	Thomas Rodriguez	No	
	George Wilkins, Alternate	No	
	John Beresford, Alternate	Yes	
	Mark Lofton, Alternate	No	
La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Eric LaChappa	No	
	Javaughn Miller, Alternate	No	
Pala Band of Mission Indians	Robert Smith	Yes	Chris Nejo attended
	Howard Maxcy Jr.	No	
	Sheila Lopez, Alternate	No	
	Shasta Gaughen, Alternate	No	
	Marcos Orozco, Alternate	Np	
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	Yes	
San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians	Allen Lawson	No	
	Andrew Orosco Jr., Alternate	Yes	
	Dave Toler, Alternate	No	
Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Cody Martinez	No	
	Sid Morris, Alternate	No	

Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians	Robert "Cita" Welch Jr.	No	
	Victor Woods	Yes	
	Ray Teran, Alternate	Yes	
	Darwin Tewanger, Alternate	No	
	Samuel Brown, Alternate	No	
ADVISORY MEMBERS (ATTENDANCE NOT COUNTED FOR QUORUM PURPOSES)			
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern California	Steve Wilkie	No	
	Leonard Gilmore	Yes	
Caltrans, District 11	Chi Vargas	Yes	
County of San Diego	Noah Alvey	Yes	
	Sheri McPherson, Alternate	No	
Metropolitan Transit System	Janelle Carey	No	
	Sharon Cooney, Alternate	No	
North County Transit District	Chris Duddy	No	
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Denis Turner, Alternate	No	
OTHER ATTENDEES		SANDAG STAFF MEMBERS	
Vanessa De La Rosa, Caltrans Elijah Henley, Federal Highway Administration James Cuero, Jamul Indian Village of California Lisa Cumper, Jamul Indian Village of California Matt Horton, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Jalal Emami, PRO DOT Serge Dedina, SANDAG Board Member, City of Imperial Beach, Borders Committee Chair Shanalee Gallagher Walt Stringer		Jane Clough Coleen Clementson Elisa Arias Rick Curry Michelle Smith Valerie Erze	