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COMMITTEE ON BINATIONAL REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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Tuesday, November 7, 2017
3 to 4:30 p.m.
SANDAG, 7th Floor Conference Room
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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• STATE ROUTE 11 / OTAY MESA PORT OF ENTRY UPDATE
• A FRESH LOOK AT IMPACTS OF BORDER DELAYS AT CALIFORNIA-BAJA CALIFORNIA PORTS OF ENTRY
• COMPREHENSIVE SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLAN FOR THE METROPOLITAN ZONE OF TIJUANA, TECATE, AND PLAYAS DE ROSARITO – PROGRAMA INTEGRAL DE MOVILIDAD URBANA SUSTENTABLE

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The Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO) is asked to review and approve the meeting minutes from its September 5, 2017, meeting.

Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the COBRO on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Anyone desiring to speak shall reserve time by completing a Request to Comment form and giving it to the meeting coordinator prior to speaking. Public speakers should notify the meeting coordinator if they have a handout for distribution to COBRO members. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. COBRO members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.

This report provides a list of upcoming community events of interest to COBRO members.

This report provides an update on progress made to advance the State Route 11 / Otay Mesa East Port of Entry and connecting roads on both sides of the border.

The Impacts of Border Delays at California-Baja California Ports of Entry study seeks to assess the economic impacts and the air quality and climate impacts of delays at ports of entry. Staff will present an update on the study’s recent activities and progress to date.
7. COMPREHENSIVE SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLAN FOR THE METROPOLITAN ZONE OF TIJUANA, TECATE, AND PLAYAS DE ROSARITO – PROGRAMA INTEGRAL DE MOVILIDAD URBANA SUSTENTABLE
(Daniel Rivera, Instituto Metropolitano de Planeación de Tijuana)

The Instituto Metropolitano de Planeación de Tijuana is the lead agency preparing the Programa Integral de Movilidad Urbana Sustentable (PIMUS), a comprehensive sustainable mobility plan for the metropolitan zone of Tijuana, Tecate, and Playas de Rosarito. The PIMUS will promote policies and actions supporting active transportation and efficient transit services.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next COBRO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 3 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2017, MEETING MINUTES  

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The meeting of the Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO) was called to order by Chair Paul Ganster, Institute for Regional Studies of the Californias at San Diego State University, at 3:10 p.m.

Chair Ganster welcomed COBRO members and members of the public in attendance.

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)**

**Action:** Upon a motion by Nathan Owens (San Diego Dialogue) and a second by Laura Araujo (Tijuana Innovadora), the minutes from the February 7, 2017, and March 24, 2017, meetings were approved.  
Yes: Chair Ganster, Co-Chair Alejandro Romero (Consulate General of Mexico in San Diego), Vice Chair Efrain Ibarra (South County Economic Development Council), Sergio Pallares (Caltrans District 11), Denice Garcia (City of San Diego), Justine Kozo (County of San Diego), Tito Alegría (El Colegio de la Frontera Norte), Victor Rangel (Gobierno de Baja California), Fausto Castillo (Instituto Metropolitano de Planeación de Tijuana), Viviana Ibañez (Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Owens, Jennifer Goudeau (San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce), James Clark (Smart Border Coalition), Ms. Araujo, Jeremy Bauer (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [U.S. EPA]), and Denise Moreno-Ducheny (U.S.-Mexican Studies UC San Diego). No: None. Abstain: None.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Jason Wells, San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce, announced the upcoming Golf Tournament on September 8, 2017, hosted by the San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Araujo announced the upcoming October 4, 2017, Environmental Conference hosted by Tijuana Innovadora.

Mr. Bauer announced an upcoming San Diego-Tijuana Air Quality Task Force meeting to be held in Imperial Beach on September 13, 2017, by the U.S. EPA regional office.

Mr. Clark thanked the representative from the Consul General of Mexico in San Diego for the recent delegation trip to various cities in Mexico.

Mitch Beauchamp, City of National City, discussed recent developments involving the San Diego & Arizona Eastern railway.
CONSENT

4. COBRO CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR FY 2018 (INFORMATION)

Chair Ganster announced the item and asked the group to refer to their agenda packet for more details on the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS (INFORMATION)

Chair Ganster announced the item and asked the group to refer to their agenda packet for more details on the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

REPORTS

6. 2016 SAN DIEGO–BAJA CALIFORNIA BORDER CROSSING AND TRADE STATISTICS (INFORMATION)

Zachary Hernandez, Regional Planner, gave an overview of the border crossing and trade statistics relative to the San Diego-Baja California region in the year 2016.

Mr. Beauchamp commented on the crossing increases through Otay Mesa.

Chair Ganster asked about the data related to passengers crossing in vehicles.

Mr. Wells discussed other factors influencing border crossing travel behavior.

Action: This item was presented for information.

7. SAN YSIDRO AIR QUALITY STUDY (INFORMATION)

Dr. Penelope (Jenny) Quintana, San Diego State University, gave an update of the San Ysidro Air Quality Study, which is a community-based effort that aims to monitor air quality within the community of San Ysidro.

Chair Ganster commented on the air monitor previously located at the San Ysidro Port of Entry and the relationship to Customs and Border Protection staff exposure to air pollutants at the border crossing.

Mr. Beauchamp asked about the air monitors used in the study and their ability to detect extra-fine particulate matter.

Action: This item was presented for information.
8. SAN DIEGO–TIJUANA EARTHQUAKE SCENARIO (INFORMATION)

Roberto Ruiz-Salas, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute – San Diego–Tijuana Chapter, presented information on the development of a regionally-based earthquake planning scenario that considers potential physical, social and economic impacts of a seismic event in the San-Diego-Tijuana binational region.

Chair Ganster commented on lessons learned in other natural disasters along the border and emergency response events.

Ms. Araujo asked if there had been consideration of technologies and social media applications useful for emergency event notifications.

Mr. Castillo added that the City of Tijuana has held emergency response planning exercises, and a risk similar to what the study has organized as part of its working groups.

Ms. Kozo mentioned a recent emergency response meeting with representatives from both sides of the border. She also added that there will be trainings and meetings scheduled in the future that the presenter should consider attending.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE (INFORMATION)

The next COBRO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 3 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ganster adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.
San Diego Association of Governments

COMMITTEE ON BINATIONAL REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

November 7, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4

Action Requested: INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

File Number 3400200

WHAT: Cross-Border Business Forum*
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
WHEN: November 1, 2017
WHERE: Club de Empresarios in Tijuana
MORE INFO: (619) 544-1392 or cgant@sdchamber.org

WHAT: 30th Annual Dinner and Awards*
Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce
WHEN: November 2, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.
WHERE: San Diego Country Club
MORE INFO: (619) 661-6111 or info@otaymesa.org

WHAT: Mexico’s 2018 Elections: What is at Stake?*
UC San Diego Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies
WHEN: November 2, 2017
WHERE: Institute of the Americas – Malamud Conference Room
MORE INFO: Lisa Lee, lisalee@ucsd.edu, or usmex.ucsd.edu

WHAT: The Revolution of Revolución – Young Leaders Fall Project Tour*
Urban Land Institute San Diego - Tijuana
WHEN: November 3, 2017 (Prior to November 7, 2017, COBRO meeting)
WHERE: 4463 Camino de la Plaza, San Ysidro, CA 92173
MORE INFO: www.sandiego-tijuana.uli.org

WHAT: Chamber Road Trip: Xolos and Valle de Guadalupe*
San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce
WHEN: November 3-4, 2017
WHERE: Tijuana and Valle de Guadalupe, Baja California
MORE INFO: (619) 428-5200 or jwells@sanysidrochamber.org

* Events marked with an asterisk (*) are scheduled to be held prior to the November 7, 2017, Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities meeting.
WHAT: Proposed Expansion: Otay Mesa Land Port of Entry
Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce and South County Economic Development Council
WHEN: November 8, 2017, from 10 to 11 a.m.
WHERE: Quality Suites in Otay Mesa
MORE INFO: Hugo Romero, (619) 661-6111, or hromero@otaymesa.org

WHAT: Tanto de Aquí como de Allá: Legal Incorporation of Immigrants as a Means of Enhancing Assimilation in Host and Home Countries
UC San Diego Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies
WHEN: November 8, 2017
WHERE: UC San Diego Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies
MORE INFO: usmex.ucsd.edu

WHAT: San Diego – Tijuana Breakfast Series: Capital Markets
Urban Land Institute San Diego- Tijuana
WHEN: November 14, 2017
WHERE: University Club, San Diego
MORE INFO: www.sandiego-tijuana.uli.org

WHAT: Energy Integration of North America: perspectives for Mexico in the light of the energy reforms and NAFTA renegotiation
UC San Diego Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies
WHEN: November 29, 2017
WHERE: UC San Diego Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies
MORE INFO: usmex.ucsd.edu

WHAT: 2nd Annual Cali-Baja Real Estate Symposium
Urban Land Institute San Diego-Tijuana
WHEN: November 30, 2017
WHERE: Real Inn Tijuana
MORE INFO: www.sandiego-tijuana.uli.org

WHAT: Papers, Places, and Familias: Tracing the Social Mobility of Mexicans in New York
UC San Diego Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies
WHEN: December 6, 2017
WHERE: UC San Diego Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies
MORE INFO: usmex.ucsd.edu

WHAT: Mexico Energy Transition. Electric Outlook, Renewable Market Development and Mobility
Institute of the Americas
WHEN: December 8, 2017.
WHERE: Mexico City
Urban Land Institute San Diego-Tijuana

WHEN: January 9, 2018
WHERE: University Club, San Diego
MORE INFO: www.sandiego-tijuana.uli.org

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STATE ROUTE 11 / OTAY MESA EAST
PORT OF ENTRY UPDATE

File Number 1100121

Introduction

SANDAG and Caltrans, in collaboration with the government of Mexico and other project stakeholders, have continued to make progress to build the future Otay Mesa East (OME) – Mesa de Otay II Port of Entry (POE) and connecting roads on both sides of the border. The OME POE offers a historic opportunity to design, build, and finance border infrastructure that will serve as a model for the rest of the nation. It will feature a four-lane tolled road, State Route 11, connecting directly to a state-of-the-art U.S. Customs and Border Protection compound for processing both personal and commercial vehicles, and a California Highway Patrol (CHP) commercial vehicle enforcement facility.

The purpose of this report is to provide updates to the Borders Committee on the project’s right-of-way acquisition and the status of the Presidential Permit for the OME POE.

Discussion

The State Route (SR) 11 / OME POE Project will feature a 2.5-mile, four-lane tolled highway from the SR 905/SR 125/SR 11 interchange to the new POE. The project also includes a CHP commercial vehicle enforcement facility. To facilitate construction and leverage funding opportunities, the project was split into multiple segments including Segments 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3, and 4 (Figure 1).

This project has a long history, including a Project Study Report completed in 2000, a Programmatic Environmental Document completed in 2007, a Presidential Permit issued in 2008, a Final Environmental Impact Report/Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIR/FEIS) completed in 2012, and an Environmental Re-Evaluation of the FEIR/FEIS completed in 2017. Subsequently, two segments of the project have been constructed and the remainder are in various stages of project development, representing a $372 million investment to date. A report that included an outline of major milestones and accomplishments, recent legislative activities, and short-term objectives was presented to the Borders Committee at its March 24, 2017, meeting.
Figure 1

SR 11 OTAY MESA EAST PORT OF ENTRY OVERVIEW

Project Status

Segment 1 of SR 11 was completed and opened to traffic in spring 2016 and the northbound connectors between SR 905, SR 125, and SR 11 were opened to traffic in fall 2016. Construction of Segment 4, the southbound connectors between SR 125 and SR 905 and SR 11, will begin in spring of 2018. Segment 2A currently is being designed and is scheduled for construction in 2019.

Caltrans has obtained a possession and use agreement with a major parcel owner that secures the right-of-way for the majority of the POE and a large portion of the roadway. Caltrans also is proceeding with acquiring the remaining right-of-way for the project.

Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration recently completed a Cost Estimate Review (CER) for the project. This risk based estimate review is required for all high-profile projects with a total cost of $500 million dollars or higher. The CER exercise verified that the project estimates are within an acceptable range of risk.

SANDAG and Caltrans continue working closely with Mexican partners, including the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation, Mexican Customs, and other stakeholders on the Innovation Concepts (IC) Study, which should be completed in mid-2018. The IC Study will provide elements needed to move the POE into advanced stages of planning and development leading to a preferred concept, including ranges for capital costs, staffing costs, assessment of improved throughput innovations such as flexible lanes; plans for the tolling and traffic management systems; and a cost benefit analysis. As part of the IC Study, quarterly meetings with United States and Mexican partners are taking place to discuss these issues for both sides of the border.

Right-of-way

Figure 2 illustrates the remaining right-of-way needed on the United States side of the project with orange and blue lines and the geographic boundaries of the possession and use agreement are shown in green.
The Presidential Permit for the project was issued in 2008. This permit was the first issued by the U.S. Department of State (DOS) with a ten-year expiration date (November 20, 2018). Caltrans and SANDAG have held discussions with the U.S. General Services Administration and the U.S. DOS regarding the parameters required to issue the Notice to Proceed, which would meet the requirements of the current Presidential Permit. The project team also was advised to follow a parallel route, which includes preparing an application for a new Presidential Permit, ensuring the project stays permitted under any eventuality.

On October 4, 2017, the application was submitted to the U.S. DOS for preliminary review. Once this process is complete, staff will submit a final application for a formal review.

Next Steps

Staff will continue working on the 2017-2018 objectives and keep all stakeholders advised on progress, emerging challenges, and opportunities.

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