Borders Committee Agenda

Friday, January 25, 2019
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
SANDAG Board Room
401 B Street, 7th Floor
San Diego

Agenda Highlights

• South Bay Rapid and the New Otay Mesa Transit Center

• State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Update

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+1. | Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Borders Committee is asked to review and approve the minutes from its November 16, 2018, meeting.

2. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

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Reports

+3. South Bay Rapid and the New Otay Mesa Transit Center (Jennifer Williamson)

Staff will present an overview of the new South Bay Rapid transit service and Otay Mesa Transit Center.

+4. State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Update (Christina Casgar; Mario Orso, Caltrans District 11)

Mario Orso, Caltrans District 11, and Christina Casgar will present an update on the State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project, including the status of the Presidential Permit.

5. Understanding the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (Paola Avila, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce)

Paola Avila will present an overview of the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement, next steps in the ratification process, and thoughts from private and public sector stakeholders about potential impacts to the binational region.

6. Overview of Economic Development in Tijuana (Adriana Eguía, Vesta Industrial Real Estate Vice President and DEITAC Board Member)

Adriana Eguía will present an overview of economic development in Tijuana, Mexico, including existing strategies, key agency and stakeholder involvement, and local perspectives on the process.
7. Continued Public Comments
   If the five-speaker limit for public comments was exceeded at the beginning of this agenda, other public comments will be taken at this time. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comment.

8. Upcoming Meetings Information
   The next Borders Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

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November 16, 2018, Borders Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Serge Dedina (South County) called the meeting of the Borders Committee to order at 12:32 p.m.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Ron Hall (East County) and a second by Vice Chair Ed Gallo (North County Inland), the Borders Committee approved the minutes from its September 28, 2018, and October 26, 2018, meetings. Yes: Chair Dedina, Vice Chair Gallo, Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego), Councilmember Hall, and Jack Feller (North County Coastal). No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: City of San Diego and Imperial County.

2. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Chair Dedina provided an overview of a meeting held with the next potential Mexican Chief Deputy Executive Director ambassador to the United States. He congratulated and thanked Councilmember Ed Gallo and Councilmember David Alvarez for their service with the Borders Committee.

Consent

3. 2017 San Diego–Baja California Border Crossing and Trade Highlights (Information)

Zach Hernandez, Regional Planner, provided an overview of annual border crossing and trade statistics relevant to the San Diego-Baja California land ports of entry for 2017.

Action: This item was presented for information.

Reports


Phil Trom, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

Staff presented an overview of three distinct network concepts that were developed and evaluated to see how different combinations of projects, programs, and policies would perform as part of San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan.

Action: This item was presented for information.

5. Truck Visualization Study and San Diego Freight Viewer (Information)

Keri Robinson, Associate Regional Planner, Pat Landrum, Senior Research Analyst, and Eric Wendt, GIS Analyst, presented an overview of the Truck Visualization Study and a related webtool that was developed to better understand and visualize freight flows at key gateways, ports of entry, and goods movement corridors in the San Diego region.

Action: This item was presented for information.
6. **Trade and Competitiveness in North America – A Focus on the Cali Baja Mega-Region (Information)**

Melissa Floca, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies – UC San Diego, presented an overview on how the North American Free Trade Agreement heightened economic competitiveness across North America, with a focus on the Cali Baja mega-region economy.

*Action*: This item was presented for information.

7. **U.S.–Mexico Border 2020 Program (Information)**

This item was moved to a future meeting.

8. **Continued Public Comments**

No additional comments were made.

9. **Upcoming Meetings (Information)**

The next Borders Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

10. **Adjournment**

Chair Dedina adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.
Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Borders Committee Meeting

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Overview

After several years of planning and collaboration with South County communities, South Bay Rapid will launch full service operations on January 27, 2019. The project is a $122 million effort to provide travelers with a frequent and reliable transportation choice. An additional $17 million was used to purchase 17 new Rapid vehicles. This new 26-mile Rapid route connects key employment and activity centers between the Otay Mesa Port of Entry and Downtown San Diego via eastern Chula Vista.

Transit Guideway

At the heart of the project is the dedicated transit guideway—a nearly six-mile-long transit-only lane being constructed in the median of East Palomar Street and along Eastlake Parkway in Chula Vista. The transit guideway is equipped with state-of-the-art transit signal priority technology that will reduce delays and improve service schedule adherence.

Rapid Stations

South Bay Rapid services a dozen Rapid stations along the 26-mile route, including five in Downtown San Diego. Seven stations were constructed in eastern Chula Vista and Otay Mesa as part of this project. These stations include new modern shelters, level platforms for easier boarding, and upgraded amenities including real-time next vehicle arrival information, landscaping, and enhanced paving and architectural treatments. All stations are located in the public right-of-way and have been designed to provide safe pedestrian access at intersections.
Guideway Bridge
An elevated transit guideway bridge was constructed over a portion of the transit corridor between Magdalena Avenue and Town Center Drive, traversing the South Bay Expressway. The bridge allows Rapid vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles to cross the South Bay Expressway while maintaining high-frequency, limited-stop service.

Otay Mesa Transit Center
At the southern end of its route, Rapid terminates at the Otay Mesa Transit Center near the United States-Mexico Port of Entry. The Otay Mesa Transit Center serves as a welcoming gateway between the two countries and provides travelers with amenities such as ticket vending machines, a concession stand, and real-time next vehicle arrival signs. The facility includes dedicated transit access for Rapid vehicles and local buses, which will improve traffic flow and facilitate the movement of goods and people at the border crossing and in the surrounding Otay Mesa community.

Rapid Service in South Bay
South Bay Rapid, route 225, will be operated by the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System. The estimated travel time between eastern Otay Ranch in Chula Vista and Downtown San Diego will be approximately 50 to 60 minutes during peak commuting hours.

Project Funding
Funding for the project was provided by a combination of federal, state, and local programs. These programs include the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSCP), and TransNet, the regional half-cent sales tax for transportation administered by SANDAG.

Future Corridor Improvements
Additional long-term improvements are planned for South County, including:

- Construction of three in-line (freeway-level) transit stations along Interstate 805 (I-805) at H Street in Chula Vista, East Plaza Boulevard in National City, and 47th Street in San Diego;
- Park & Ride lots at the H Street and East Plaza Boulevard in-line stations;
- Freeway-to-freeway direct HOV connector ramps between I-805 and State Route 94;
- Southbound freeway-to-freeway connector ramps between State Route 905, State Route 125, and State Route 11 (northbound connectors are complete); and
- A three-year Bus on Shoulder pilot project sponsored by the Federal Transit Administration that will allow the service to utilize freeway shoulders on Interstate 805 and State Route 94 to bypass congestion during peak periods under strict operating conditions.

Collectively, these improvements will provide increased access for people in San Diego, National City, and Chula Vista, and reduce travel times for most passengers. Construction of these improvements will be scheduled as funding becomes available.
South Bay
Rapid

Grand Opening Ceremony & Community Celebration

Saturday, January 26, 2019 | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Heritage Rapid Station
1381 East Palomar Street
Chula Vista, CA 91913

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State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Update

Overview

The State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry (SR 11/OME POE) project 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 that will connect directly to a state-of-the-art U.S. Customs and Border Protection compound for processing both personal and commercial vehicles, a California Highway Patrol commercial vehicle enforcement facility, and a future Port of Entry.

Key Considerations

In November 2008, the SR 11/OME POE project was granted a Presidential Permit by the U.S. Department of State with a ten-year expiration date. Caltrans and SANDAG submitted an application for a new Presidential Permit in October 2017, which subsequently was signed by Western Hemisphere Affairs Assistant Secretary Kimberly Breier on November 19, 2018. This second Presidential Permit is expected to be published in the Federal Register in 2019.

Additionally, on May 25, 2018, the Borders Committee received a report on the Senate Bill 1 (Beall, 2017) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funding that was granted to the project to construct the Siempre Viva Road Interchange and the State Route 125/State Route 905 freeway connector and implement Intelligent Transportation Systems technology and air monitoring improvements along the border. The California–Mexico Border System application requested $115.49 million, and the California Transportation Commission approved $82 million in funding that will address the aforementioned improvements in San Diego County as well as Imperial County projects on State Route 98 and the truck crossing at the Calexico East Port of Entry. Currently, these projects are in the design phase, and staff anticipates starting construction contracts in 2020.

Future work on this project includes the completion of the Innovation Analysis Study, which includes a Traffic and Revenue Analysis. This study will include the development of a preferred design for the new Port of Entry, including innovations such as interchangeable lanes, as well as revenue and cost estimates.

Next Steps

The Borders Committee and stakeholders will be regularly advised on progress, emerging challenges, and opportunities on the SR 11/OME POE project.

Action Requested: Information
Mario Orso, Caltrans District 11, and Christina Casgar will present an update on the State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project, including the status of the Presidential Permit.

Fiscal Impact:
To date, approximately $482 million has been invested in the State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project.

Schedule/Scope Impact:
The Otay Mesa East Port of Entry is scheduled to begin construction in 2021.