



Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues

Item: **2**

July 24, 2019

Action: **Approve**

April 17, 2019, Meeting Summary

Vice Chair Andrew Orosco, Jr. (San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians) called the meeting of the Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues (Working Group) to order at 10:15 a.m.

1. Welcome by Pala Tribal Council and Self Introductions (Information)

Co-Chair Erica Pinto (Jamul Indian Village of California) welcomed members of the Working Group and Chairman Robert Smith (Pala Band of Mission Indians) led the blessing.

Co-Chair Pinto facilitated self-introductions.

Tribal Nations represented were: Jamul Indian Village of California; Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians; Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians; Pala Band of Mission Indians; Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians; Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians; San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians; and Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Nation.

Additional Tribal Nations present: Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians

2. Public/Member Comments and Communications (Information)

No public comments were entered.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

Action: Upon a motion by Shasta Gaughen (Pala Band of Mission Indians) and a second by Alfonso Kolb (Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians), the Working Group approved the minutes from its January 31, 2019, meeting. Yes: Co-Chair Pinto, Vice Chair Orosco, Alvina Fletcher (Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians), Vice-Chairman Jesse Morales (Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians), Chairman Robert Smith (Pala Band of Mission Indians), Councilmember Venessa Brown (Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians), Mr. Kolb, Mr. Teran. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Barona Band of Mission Indians, Campo Kumeyaay Nation, Ewiiapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, Inaja-Cosmit Reservation, La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, and Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.

4. Co-Chairs' Reports (Information)

The Co-Chairs of the Working Group shared updates from their respective institution agency/meetings relevant to the mission of the Working Group.

Reports

5. 2020 Decennial Census Overview and Call to Action for Tribes (Information)

Jessica Imotichey, U.S. Census Bureau, provided a brief overview of the 2020 Census, including important considerations. She also discussed the designation of a Tribal Liaison to work with area tribes on upcoming training, the Tribal Complete Count Committee, and American Indian and Alaska Native media campaign.

Mr. Teran informed Ms. Imotichey that Census workers are not allowed on the tribal reservations unless they are accompanied. Census workers need to get accreditation from the Tribal Government at their respective administration buildings.

6. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (Information)

Carol Abbott, Strategic Growth Council, provided an overview of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable communities (AHSC) Program. The AHSC Program makes it easier for Californians to drive less by making sure housing, jobs, and key destinations are accessible by walking, biking, and transit. This is done through investments in both affordable housing and transportation. The program includes a set-aside for rural communities, so that all communities across the state are able to compete. The last Notice of Funding availability for AHSC included \$400 million, and the program will have funding through 2030.

Ms. Abbott informed the Working Group that technical assistance to apply for grants through the Sustainable Communities Program is available through the California Coalition for Rural Housing. She noted that tribes can apply in coordination with a transportation agency. The ITTS is great document to show there are eligible projects. Tribes can partner with cities on affordable housing. The next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be in November 2019 and will be due February 2020.

Mr. Teran expressed concern regarding the density requirements as tribes do not have dense housing.

Mr. Stoll commented that stand-alone active transportation projects do not fare well and inquired whether active transportation projects fared better in rural communities. Ms. Abbott responded that transit projects fare better than active transportation projects.

Jane Clough, Senior Regional Planner, inquired if there would be a tribal set aside in the future. Ms. Abbott responded that the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is discussing this matter and is open to the conversation. Mr. Teran expressed that Viejas would be interested in exploring vanpooling as an option and Ms. Abbott responded that the SGC would be interested in having a scoping conversation regarding vanpooling.

7. Intertribal Alliance Update (Information)

Vice Chair Orosco and Mr. Teran provided an update on the Intertribal Alliance. Several tribes in California have been working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approach various types of construction projects through strategic collaboration. Members of the Intertribal Alliance work on projects of mutual interest sharing expertise and experience for the benefit of all. Participating tribes discussed several recent efforts that demonstrate the efficacy of this innovative approach and how it can benefit tribes with similar issues.

Mr. Teran discussed purchasing equipment that can be shared with members of the Intertribal Alliance to work on construction projects that will benefit the tribes. Mr. Teran discussed equipment that analyzes the road and brings the road up to code. The Alliance will have partners chip in allocations to purchase equipment through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The BIA will also conduct the engineering necessary to support roadway improvements.

Vice Chair Orosco thanked Viejas for their leadership and stated that their leadership would be important to continue working on projects.

8. 2021 Regional Plan: A Bold New Transportation Vision (Discussion/Possible Action)

On Friday, February 22, 2019, the SANDAG Board of Directors unanimously approved an action plan to develop a new vision for the Regional Plan that completely transforms the way people and goods move throughout the San Diego region. This action plan involves extending the completion of the Regional Plan to November 2021 to allow for meaningful discussion regarding the transportation projects, programs and policies that would implement the conceptual framework. At the same time, a Regional Transportation Plan update will occur that complies with federal requirements by spring 2020 in order to protect vital funding. Charles "Muggs" Stoll, Director of Land Use and Transportation Planning, briefed the Working Group on the next steps in developing San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (2021 Regional Plan) and Ms. Clough discussed the implications for the tribal consultation process for the San Diego Forward: The 2019 Federal Regional Transportation Plan update and the 2021 Regional Plan.

Ms. Gaughen recommended that SANDAG send letters to all 18 tribes to invite them to participate in Tribal Consultation as required by Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, 2014).

Mr. Gilmore noted that tribes have to update their long-range transportation plans every five years. The Bureau of Indian Affairs wants them to connect their local tribal plans to the regional plan.

9. Topics for Next Meeting and Adjournment (Discussion/Possible Action)

The Next Working Group meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2019, at 10 a.m., and will be hosted by the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Nation.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Kolb and a second by Mr. Teran, the Working Group moved to have the next Working Group meeting on July 24, 2019 at 10 a.m. A Viejas representative will confirm that they can host. Yes: Co-Chair Pinto, Vice Chair Oroscio, Ms. Fletcher, Vice-Chairman Morales, Chairman Smith, Councilmember Brown, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Teran. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Barona Band of Mission Indians, Campo Kumeyaay Nation, Ewiiapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, Inaja-Cosmit Reservation, La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, and Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.

Co-Chair Pinto adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues Meeting

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Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
Jamul Indian Village of California	Erica Pinto – Co-Chair	Yes	
	Michael A. Hunter, Alternate	No	
San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians	Andrew Orosco, Jr. – Vice Chair	Yes	
	Steven Cope	No	
Barona Band of Mission Indians	Edwin “Thorpe” Romero	No	
	Sheilla Alvarez, Alternate	No	
Campo Kumeyaay Nation	Harry Cuero, Jr.	No	
	Marcus Cuero, Alternate	No	
	Gary Connolly	No	
Ewiiapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	William Micklin	No	
	Roberto Pinto, Sr., Alternate	No	
lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel	Virgil Perez	No	
Inaja-Cosmit Reservation	Rebecca M. Osuna	No	
	Leia Arviso, Alternate	No	
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	Fred Nelson Jr.	No	
	George Wilkins, Alternate	No	
	John Beresford, Alternate	No	
La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Eric LaChappa	No	
	Javaughn Miller, Alternate	No	
Los Coyotes Band of Cahuila/Cupeño Indians	Ray Chapparosa	No	
	Alvina Fletcher, Alternate	Yes	
Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Angela Elliott Santos	No	
	Johnny EagleSpirit, Alternate	No	
	Lisa Haws, Alternate	No	
Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians	Mike Linton	No	
	Jesse Morales, Alternate	Yes	
Pala Band of Mission Indians	Robert Smith	Yes	
	Anthony Ravago, Sr.	No	
	Shasta Gaughen, Alternate	Yes	
	Chris Nejo, Alternate	Yes	
Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians	Temet Aguilar	No	
	Venessa Brown, Alternate	Yes	
Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	Bo Mazzetti	No	
	Alfornso Kolb, Sr.	Yes	
	Frank Mazzetti, III, Alternate	No	

	Cody Martinez	No
Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Sid Morris, Alternate	No
	Ania Rzepko, Alternate	No
	Robert 'Cita' Welch, Jr.	No
	Victor Woods	No
Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Nation	Samuel Brown, Alternate	No
	Darwin Tewanger, Alternate	No
	Ray Teran, Alternate	Yes
Advisory Members		
Southern California Chairmen's Association (SCTCA)	Denis Turner	No
	Mike Connolly	No
	Steve Willkie	No
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Southern California	Leonard Gilmore	Yes
	Scarlett Carmona, Alternate	No
Caltrans, District 11	Chi Vargas	No
	Vanessa De La Rosa, Alternate	Yes
County of San Diego	Camila Easland	Yes
	Eric Lardy	No
	Richard Chin, Alternate	No
Metropolitan Transit District (MTS)	Denis Desmond	No
	Sharon Cooney, Alternate	No
North County Transit District (NCTD)	Chris Duddy	No
Other Attendees		
Carol Abbott, Strategic Growth Council		
Connie Hernandez, Complete Count Committee		
Demery Bill, BIA/PRO		
Gretchen Chavez, Caltrans		
Jessica Imotichey, U.S. Census Bureau		
John Gomez Jr., Anza, CA		
Josey Dunbar, Orange, CA		
Lisa Cumper, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians		
Mychal Loomis, Kimley-Horn		
SANDAG Staff		
Charles "Muggs" Stoll		
Jane Clough		
Stephanie Ellsworth		