

September 25, 2020

## January 24, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Ronn Hall (East County) called the meeting of the Borders Committee to order at 12:32 p.m.

Action: **Approve**

The Borders Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its January 24, 2020, meeting.

### 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Vivian Moreno (City of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Jack Feller (North County Coastal), the Borders Committee approved the minutes from its October 25, 2019, meeting.

The motion passed.

Yes: Vice Chair Hall, Councilmember Moreno, Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego), Supervisor Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Imperial County), Councilmember Feller, and Mayor Paul McNamara (North County Inland).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: South County.

### 2. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Mitch Beauchamp, member of the public, introduced himself to the members and spoke about the effort to reestablish the railroad line intended to connect through northern Baja California and the U.S.

Marcial Gutierrez, Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), spoke about the frequency increases for the Blue Line Trolley service to every 7 minutes during the week and every 15 minutes on weekends. The Blue Line has increased in ridership by 3M since 2014. The MTS media event is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020.

Caltrans District 11 Deputy District Director, Ann M. Fox, spoke about the California–Baja California 2021 Border Master Planning kickoff meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Ann M. Fox thanked SANDAG staff, Caltrans staff, and Councilmember Moreno for their assistance at the kickoff meeting.

### 3. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

Chief Planning and Innovation Officer Ray Traynor provided an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives, including San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan and the Airport Connectivity Subcommittee.

Action: Discussion only.

## Reports

### 4. Report from the Consul General of Mexico (Information)

Consul General of Mexico Carlos González Gutiérrez provided an overview of binational activities within the purview of the Borders Committee. This report focused on Consul General's program for 2020 and outcomes from Mexico's Annual Meeting of Ambassadors and Consul Generals.

Action: Information only.

## **5. 2020 Census Complete Count (Discussion)**

Senior Research Analyst Darlanne Hctor Mulmat provided an overview of Census 2020 and local efforts to ensure that every person is counted once, only once, and in the right place. Members had an opportunity to share outreach activities occurring in their communities.

Action: Discussion only.

## **6. San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan: Tribal and Border Workshops for the 5 Big Moves (Information)**

Director of Integrated Transportation Planning Elisa Arias provided a summary of the tribal and border workshops held in October and December 2019 to identify transportation issues and unique solutions from a borders-focused perspective as part of developing San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan and the 5 Big Moves.

Action: Information only.

## **7. San Diego–Tijuana Smart Border Coalition (Information)**

Gustavo de la Fuente, San Diego–Tijuana Smart Border Coalition, provided an overview of the organization's structure and objectives. With membership from both sides of the border, the coalition seeks creative and practical solutions to improve travel through the ports of entry in the San Diego–Tijuana binational region. In addition, a highlight of 2020 activities, initiatives, and opportunities was presented.

Action: Information only.

## **8. The Border Impact Bond (Information)**

Steven Wright, 4Walls International, presented an overview of the Border Impact Bond initiative that intends to address solid waste threatening the Tijuana River by establishing an environmental impact bond financing mechanism to fund solutions.

Action: Information only.

## **9. Continued Public Comments**

Supervisor Cox provided an update on the ongoing trans-border sewage impacting the San Diego region and next steps for a solution to this problem.

Action: Information only.

## **10. Upcoming Meetings (Information)**

The next Borders Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2020, at 12:30 p.m.

## **11. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

## Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Borders Committee Meeting

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Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attended
South County	Serge Dedina, Chair	Member	No
	Bill Sandke	Alternate	No
East County	Ronn Hall, Vice Chair	Member	Yes
	Jerry Jones	Alternate	No
City of San Diego	Vivian Moreno	Member	Yes
	Mark Kersey	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Greg Cox	Member	Yes
	Dianne Jacob	Alternate	No
Imperial County	Jesus Eduardo Escobar	Member	Yes
	Luis Plancarte	Alternate	No
North County Coastal	Jack Feller	Member	Yes
	Priya Bhat-Patel	Alternate	No
North County Inland	Paul McNamara	Member	Yes
	Olga Diaz	Alternate	No
<b>Advisory Members</b>			
Riverside County	Crystal Ruiz	Member	Yes
	Yxstian Gutierrez	Alternate	No
Republic of Mexico	Carlos González Gutiérrez	Member	Yes
	Mario Figueroa	Alternate	No
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Edwin "Thorpe" Romero	Member	No
	Cody Martinez	Alternate	No
Caltrans	Gustavo Dallarda	Member	No
	Ann Fox	Alternate	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority	Elsa Saxod	Member	Yes
	Gary Croucher	Alternate	No
Southern California Association of Governments	Naresh Amatya	Member	No
	David C. Salgado	Alternate	Yes
Orange County	Jim Ferryman	Member	No
	Jim Dahl	Alternate	Yes