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Borders Committee Agenda

Friday, April 23, 2021 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. **Teleconference Meeting**

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The 18 cities and county government are SANDAG serving as the forum for regional decision-making. SANDAG builds consensus; makes strategic plans; obtains and allocates resources; plans, engineers, and builds public transit; and provides information on a broad range of topics pertinent to the region's quality of life.

Our Commitment to Equity

We hold ourselves accountable to the communities we serve. We acknowledge we have much to learn and much to change; and we firmly uphold equity and inclusion for every person in the San Diego region. This includes historically underserved, systemically marginalized groups impacted by actions and inactions at all levels of our government and society.

We have an obligation to eliminate disparities and ensure that safe, healthy, accessible, and inclusive opportunities are available to everyone. In 2021, SANDAG will develop an equity action plan that will inform how we plan, prioritize, fund, and build projects and programs; frame how we work with our communities; define how we recruit and develop our employees; guide our efforts to conduct unbiased research and interpret data; and set expectations for companies and stakeholders that work with us.

We are committed to creating a San Diego region where every person who visits, works, and lives can thrive.

Borders Committee

Friday, April 23, 2021

Item No. Action

1. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to five public speakers. Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Borders Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Committee that is not on this agenda. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. Committee members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item. If the number of public comments under this agenda item exceeds five, additional public comments will be taken at the end of the agenda. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comment.

2. Executive Director's Report

Hasan Ikhrata, SANDAG

An update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives, including San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan, will be presented.

+3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Borders Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its March 23, 2021, meeting.

Reports

4. Cross Border Xpress Update

Jorge Goytortua, Cross Border Xpress

Cross Border Xpress (CBX) is an enclosed pedestrian bridge that connects users of the Tijuana International Airport directly through the U.S.-Mexico border at Otay Mesa. CBX began operating in December 2015 and has since consistently surpassed performance projections. An overview of the operation crossing volumes, pandemic impacts, and plans to meet future demand will be presented.

+5. Overview of U.S. General Services Administration projects at the San Ysidro and the Otay Mesa Land Ports of Entry

Anthony Kleppe, U.S. General Services Administration

This presentation will offer an overview of future functional improvements due to capacity upgrades in the U.S. and celebrate Mexico's completion of its last segment of Puerta Mexico. An update on the current works to expand and reconfigure the Otay Mesa Land Port of Entry also will be presented.

Discussion

Approve

Information

Information

+6. Update on the U.S-Mexico Border Programs: Border 2020 and the new Border 2025

Melissa Dimas and Lorena Lopez-Powers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

An overview on the closing of the Border 2020 Program, led by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Mexico's Secretariat of the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT in Spanish) and the framework of the new Border 2025 Program, will be presented.

7. Upcoming Meetings

Information

Information

The next Borders Committee meeting will be a special joint meeting with the Transportation and the Regional Planning Committees scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

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April 23, 2021

March 26, 2021, Joint Meeting of the Borders Committee and the Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve

Committee meeting.

The Borders Committee is asked to approve

the minutes from its March 26, 2021, Borders

Vice Chair Vivian Moreno (City of San Diego) called the Borders Committee meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Moreno and a second by Mayor Paul McNamara (North County Inland), the Borders Committee approved the minutes from its January 22, 2021, and February 26, 2021, meetings.

The motion passed.

Yes: Vice Chair Moreno, Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego), Dave Drucker (North County Coastal) and Mayor McNamara.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: East County, Imperial County, and South County.

2. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Vice Chair Moreno welcomed meeting participants to the special joint meeting of the Borders Committee and the Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO). Dr. Paul Ganster, COBRO Chair, acted as Co-Chair of this joint meeting.

Vice Chair Moreno provided welcoming remarks that highlighted the elections of last year, the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting economic crisis, and social struggles that have signaled the need for serious changes.

Co-Chair Ganster provided welcoming remarks, background on the role and function of COBRO, and acknowledged COBRO members attending the meeting.

Executive Director Mark Baza, Imperial County Transportation Commission announced that the ICTC Board had approved a design-build contract to carry out the Calexico East Bridge Widening Project.

3. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

Chief Planning & Innovation Officer Ray Traynor welcomed everyone to the joint meeting and provided an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives, including San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan.

Action: Discussion only.

Reports

4. Planning Across the California – Baja California Border (Information)

Co-Chair Ganster presented a brief report on pertinent issues related to planning in the border region.

Action: Information only.

5. California – Baja California 2021 Border Master Plan (Information)

International Border Relations and Freight Mobility Branch Chief Jose Marquez, Caltrans, provided an overview on highlights and key findings of the California–Baja California 2021 Border Master Plan.

Action: Information only.

6. The California – Baja California BMP Website and Story Map (Information)

Senior Research Analyst Cheryl Mason, SANDAG Service Bureau, presented an overview of the California-Baja California Border Master Plan (BMP) Story Map, a web based tool developed as part of the 2021 BMP, containing high-level trade and border crossing statistics, innovative ideas for managing the binational transportation system, project mapping, BMP recommendations, and links to the BMP website.

Action: Information only.

7. Update on the State Route 11 and future Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project (Information)

Project Corridor Director Mario Orso, Caltrans, and Capital Development Program Manager María Rodríguez, SANDAG, provided an overview of the State Route 11 and the future Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project and activities.

Action: Information only.

8. Continued Public Comments

None.

9. Upcoming Meetings (Information)

The next Borders Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Vice Chair Moreno adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Attendance at SANDAG Borders Committee Meeting

March 26, 2021

Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attended
South County	Serge Dedina, Chair	Member	No
	Bill Sandke	Alternate	No
East County	Laura Koval	Member	No
	Jack Shu	Alternate	No
City of San Diego	Vivian Moreno, Vice Chair	Member	Yes
	Sean Elo-Rivera	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Joel Anderson	Member	Yes
	Nora Vargas	Alternate	No
Imperial County	Jesus Eduardo Escobar	Member	No
	Luis Plancarte	Alternate	No
North County Coastal	Dave Druker	Member	Yes
	Ryan Keim	Alternate	No
North County Inland	Paul McNamara	Member	Yes
	John Mullin	Alternate	No
Advisory Members			
Riverside County	Crystal Ruiz	Member	Yes
	Yxstian Gutierrez	Alternate	No
Republic of Mexico	Carlos González Gutiérrez	Member	No
	Mario Figueroa/ <u>Natalia Figueroa</u>	Alternate	Yes
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Raymond Welch	Member	No
	Cody Martinez	Alternate	No
Caltrans	Gustavo Dallarda	Member	No
	Ann Fox	Alternate	Yes
	Mario Orso	Alternate	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority	Elsa Saxod	Member	Yes
	Jose Preciado	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





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Location

2500 Paseo Internacional San Diego, CA 92154

Facility Size (Planned)

404,026 Gross Square Feet (Including Canopies) 51 Acres (Project Area)

Funding Status and Schedule

Site Acquisition – Complete
Design & Construction – Fully Funded
Design/Build Contract Awarded – May 2019
Construction Start– June 2020
Anticipated Completion – Spring 2023

Project Costs

Site Acquisition - \$12M Design & Construction - \$125M Total Project- \$137M

Project Background

The San Diego metropolitan area is home to two land ports of entry (LPOE), San Ysidro LPOE, a non-commercial port, and Otay Mesa LPOE, 9 miles to the east. The Otay Mesa LPOE is the busiest commercial port in California, processing over \$18 billion in exports and \$34 billion in imports in fiscal year 2019. Additionally, the Otay Mesa LPOE processes nearly 1 million commercial trucks, 3.6 million pedestrians and 6.6 million privately owned vehicles annually. The existing infrastructure cannot adequately accommodate tenant agency security requirements nor support current northbound commercial and pedestrian traffic loads.

Project Overview

In order to increase commercial vehicle and pedestrian processing capacity to support the tenant agencies' ability to conduct their respective missions, GSA is planning to modernize and expand the existing port. The project, which consists of a single phase, involves doubling the number of pedestrian processing facilities from 6 to 12 lanes to better connect travelers to a nearby transit hub, construction of a new commercial annex building, commercial vehicle circulation improvements, an increase of commercial import booths from 10 to 16, and construction of visitor parking and an employee parking structure.

Once complete the project will provide the port with adequate operational space, reduced traffic congestion, and a safer environment for port employees and commercial vehicles.

Primary Tenants

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

April 23, 2021



BORDER 2020: U.S.-MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM Summary



The Border 2020 Program is the latest environmental program implemented under the 1983 La Paz Agreement. It builds on the Border 2012 Environmental Program, emphasizing regional, bottom-up approaches for decision making, priority setting, and project implementation to address the environmental and public health problems in the border region. As in Border 2012, the new Program encourages meaningful participation

The Border 2020 Program also strengthens its focus in regional areas where environmental improvements are needed most: establishing thematic goals, supporting the implementation of projects, considering new fundamental strategies, and encouraging the achievement of more ambitious environmental and public health goals.

The **Guiding Principles** support the mission of the Border 2020 Program and will ensure consistency by continuing the successful elements of previous binational environmental programs:

Reduce the highest public health risks and preserve and restore the natural environment

from communities and local stakeholders.

- > Adopt a bottom-up approach
- Address disproportionate environmental impacts
- Improve stakeholder participation
- Foster transparency, public participation, and open dialogue
- Strengthen capacity

- Achieve concrete, measurable results
- Measure program progress through the development of environmental and public health-based indicators
- Recognize tribal sovereignty of U.S. Tribes and address issues impacting tribes on a government-togovernment basis

MISSION STATEMENT

As a result of the partnership among U.S. Border Tribes and federal, state and local governments in the United States and Mexico, the mission of the Border 2020 program is to: Protect the environment and public health in the U.S.-Mexico border region, consistent with the principles of sustainable development.

In this program, sustainable development is defined as "conservation-oriented social and economic development that emphasizes the protection and sustainable use of resources while addressing both current and future needs and present and future impacts of human actions."

Address the specific concerns and protect and preserve the cultural integrity of Mexican indigenous communities

Border 2020 has established six **fundamental strategies** that complement and inform the way we achieve the goals and objectives of the program:

- Working to Improve Children's Health
- 2. Building Capacity towards Climate Change Resiliency
- Protecting
 Disadvantaged &
 Underserved
 Communities
- 4. Promoting Environmental Awareness

- 5. Promoting Environmental Health
- 6. Strengthening Tribal, State, Federal and International Partnerships

Border 2020 has identified five long-term **Goals** with specific **Objectives** to address the most serious environmental and environmentally-related public health challenges in the border region. Some objectives and sub-objectives targeted by these strategic goals are broad and are expected to serve as guidance in the development of biennial action plans.

Biennial action plans establish priority and near-term targets that pay attention to the particular needs of a geographic area, region, or community, and adapt to emerging issues and/or unanticipated resource constraints.

Goal #1: Reduce Air Pollution

- Continue to focus on air pollution reductions in binational airsheds
- By 2018, maintain effective air quality monitoring networks and timely access to air quality data
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency and alternatives or renewable energy projects

Goal #2: Improve Access to Clean and Safe Water

- By 2015, increase homes connected to safe drinking water (DW) and waste water (WW) treatment
- Help DW and WW utilities become more efficient and sustainable
- Reduce levels of metals, sediment, or bacteria entering rivers and watersheds

Goal #3: Promote Materials and Waste Management and Clean Sites

- Develop capacity to improve collection and recycling of e-waste, plastics, and trash
- Develop scrap tire pile prevention and recycling capacity
- Develop institutional capacity to clean up contaminated sites
- Continue to share information on border area hazardous waste facilities

Goal #4: Enhance Joint Preparedness for Environmental Response

- Update eight sister city joint contingency plans with risk identification and reduction of all hazards
- Facilitate easier trans-boundary movement of equipment and personnel
- Continue updating the U.S.-Mexico Joint Contingency Plan

Goal #5: Compliance Assurance and Environmental Stewardship

- Improve information sharing between enforcement agencies on the movement of hazardous waste across the border
- Use Toxics Release Inventory (in the U.S.) and the Emissions and Contaminant Transfer Registry (RETC, in Mexico) to identify top polluters of toxic releases
- Training and information exchange on laws and regulations of respective countries

To complement and support the goals and objectives, Border 2020 encourages the use of **Border 2020 Tools**. The tools are not intended to be all-inclusive. They include:

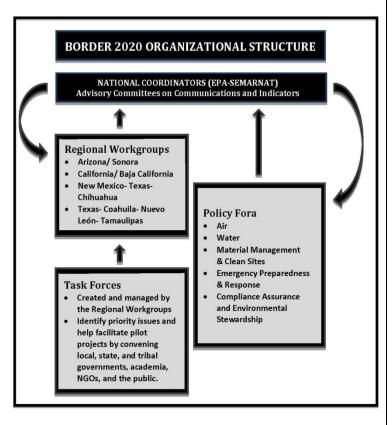
- Pollution Prevention Techniques
- Public Health Interventions
- Sustainable Management of Water Resources
- Environmental Information
- Regulation and Policy Development
- Cooperative Enforcement and Compliance Assistance
- Environmental Education and Training
- Infrastructure Planning and Development

Key differences between Border 2012 and 2020

Border 2020 includes:

- An 8-year implementation horizon
- Six Fundamental Strategies
- 2-Year Action Plans that account for resource and priority changes and that consider the particular needs of a community or geographic area
- Indicators and Communication Committees
- A stronger communication component
- Updated goals and objectives

Organizational Structure and Coordinating Bodies (see figure) remain similar to the previous Environmental Program. Consistent with the La Paz Agreement, National Coordinators from each country manage overall program implementation, and ensure cooperation, coordination and communication among all coordinating bodies. Policy Fora focus on border-wide and multi-regional issues (identified as a priority by two or more regional workgroups), primarily federal in nature (requiring direct, high-level, and sustained leadership by federal program partners in the United States and Mexico) and that require broad policy considerations. Each of the five Policy Fora has a federal co-chair from the United States and Mexico. Regional Workgroups are multi-media and geographically-focused, and emphasize regional public health and environmental issues. They coordinate activities at the regional level and support the efforts of local Task Forces and coordinate with U.S. Tribes and Mexican indigenous communities. Regional Workgroup has one state and one federal cochair from each country. The Regional Workgroups may create Task Forces to identify priority issues and help facilitate pilot projects by engaging with local, state and tribal governments, academia, NGOs, and the public.



Communication is an essential element of past and present U.S.-Mexico Border Environmental Programs. Border 2020, like the previous program, Border 2012, depends on a bottom-up communication approach. In order to ensure effective and timely communication and engagement with the public, program partners, and stakeholders, a communication strategy has been developed and will be updated regularly to ensure that efforts are streamlined and effective.

Interagency Cooperation and Leveraging of Resources – In order to maximize interagency cooperation, Border 2020 considers the relevant activities implemented by other institutions and the input provided by organizations that represent a broad spectrum of programs and perspectives from governmental, non-governmental, academic, and private sectors. Achievement of the goals of Border 2020 depend on continued availability and efficient utilization of funding from federal, state, and local governments as well as from public/private partnerships and collaborations. Border 2020 encourages all parties to participate in leveraging resources when developing projects, policies, and programs to meet its goals and objectives.