

**I-15 Interregional Partnership (I-15 IRP)
Technical Working Group
Meeting Summary**

Thursday, January 6, 2004

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

Kevin Viera, WRCOG, opened the meeting, asking for self-introductions of those attending the meeting. The names of persons attending this meeting are listed at the end of the meeting summary.

Agenda Item #2: Summary of the December 11, 2003 I-15 IRP Technical Working Group Meeting

The Technical Working Group approved the meeting summary with no changes.

Agenda Item #3: Public Comment/Communications

Maurice Eaton, Caltrans, said that the expansion of the Park-and-Ride lot at SR 76, an early project discussed by the I-15 Interregional Partnership (IRP), was under construction and scheduled for completion in approximately six weeks. At a cost of \$125,000, the project will increase the capacity of the lot from 80 to 150 spaces.

To continue interregional planning in the I-15 corridor, SANDAG will submit an application for federal FY2005 funding to Caltrans. The application seeks funding to continue interregional coordination and to monitor the strategies under preparation in the current-year study.

Agenda Item #4: Short-Range Interregional Strategies

In response to TWG comments in December, staff rewrote one long range economic development and two long-range interregional program strategies as short range strategies to begin implementation under the current grant. The economic development strategy calls for the collaboration of economic development agencies (EDAs), initially in southwestern Riverside County but eventually expanding to the entire I-15 interregional corridor.

WRCOG has initiated contacts for an initial meeting of EDAs in southwestern Riverside County. Pending the approval of this strategy by the Policy Committee, an initial meeting could be held as early as February. The TWG supported the reclassification of the program strategies: advocacy for jobs-housing balance legislation and public outreach. Paul O'Neal offered to review potential legislative initiatives, with the objective of sponsoring suitable legislation.

Agenda Item #5: Long Range Interregional Strategies

Again in response to TWG comments in December, staff added a long range strategy to improve job growth through the promotion of existing "cluster" or interdependent employment. Ramsay Green, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, said that this approach is generally supported by the S.D. Regional Chamber of Commerce and other business groups.

The strategy promoting infill development in older communities has been rewritten to emphasize the provision of additional housing rather than neighborhood revitalization. The TWG expanded this strategy concept to include provisions to discourage gentrification of these infill areas: inclusionary zoning for larger projects, linkage fees and the promotion of accessory units.

Caltrans was added as a support agency for strategy T2: the provision of shuttle transit services. References to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes were changed to High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. The TWG discussed ridership on the new RTA commuter route between Temecula and Oceanside. Current ridership is about 400 passengers per month, about three riders per trip. The service is being operated with new 30-foot vehicles with computer plug-in locations and other commuter amenities. RTA, North County Transit (NCT) and Caltrans are cooperating on potential route improvements and marketing. The lack of free transfers between RTA and NCT, especially the Coaster, was identified as one problem.

Agenda Item #6: Long Range Strategy Priorities

Following a brief discussion, the TWG supported the strategy priorities recommended by staff.

Agenda Item #7: Next Steps/I-15 IRP Work Program

Following the I-15 IRP Policy Committee meeting, staff will prepare a draft final project report for public and agency review. WRCOG, with SANDAG assistance will proceed with coordinating EDA activities in southwestern Riverside County. Over the next three months, TWG members were asked to solicit potential venues for I-15 IRP presentations.

NOTE: No item #8 was listed on the agenda.

Agenda Item #9: Project/Issue Update from Working Group Members

The EDAs in the Temecula/Murrieta area will hold their quarterly meeting at the Pechanga reservation on January 30, 2004. A location "branding" proposal will be discussed.

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce will present "January Surprises," the good and bad new state laws effective this month on January 23, 2004 and a San Diego City Attorney debate on January 28, 2004.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment and Next Meeting

Staff will schedule the next I-15 TWG meeting to discuss monitoring and review an initial draft of the final project report for late February or early March 2004 in Escondido; the next Policy Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2004 in Temecula.

**January 6, 2004 Meeting Participants
I-15 Interregional Partnership
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Aaron Adams, City of Temecula
Kathy Boyer, Riverside County Economic Development Agency
Maurice Eaton, Caltrans District 11
Ramsey Green, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
Jim Mackenzie, City of Murrieta
Laurel Nicholson, Candidate for 66th Assembly District
Paul O'Neal, Office of Bill Morrow, Senator, 38th District
Ann Palatino, Riverside Transit Agency
Dianne Sessions, EDC of Southwest Riverside County

Staff Members -

Susan Baldwin, SANDAG
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Kevin Viera, WRCOG