

**I-15 Interregional Partnership (I-15 IRP)**  
**Technical Working Group**  
**Meeting Summary**  
Thursday, September 11, 2003

**Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions**

Jeff Martin, SANDAG, welcomed those persons attending the meeting and called for introductions.

**Agenda Item #2: Summary of the August 7, 2003 I-15 IRP Technical Working Group Meeting**

The August 2003 meeting summary was approved.

**Agenda Item #3: Public Comments/Communications**

There were no public comments or other communications.

**Agenda Item #4: Housing Strategies**

Staff has integrated the comments made by TWG members in August into the three draft Housing Strategies to promote better jobs-housing balance. The TWG recommended the deletion of a reference to existing housing-related programs from the summary description of the three Strategies.

Strategy H1: Provide a Range of Housing Affordability and Housing Types in All Communities: References to "mixed use" and "in fill" development will be combined in items d, e, f and g. The title for item i was changed to read "Provide funding priority for transportation projects which promote jobs-housing balance and reduce roadway demand." In addition, item k linking housing price to income levels by community was deleted as infeasible.

Strategy H2: Revitalize Older Residential Neighborhoods: Because this Strategy should not promote gentrification, the Strategy will be edited to emphasize the role of older communities in providing urban land for reuse as land for housing. In item a, home improvement programs should be provided to both new and current homeowners.

Strategy H3: Provide Incentives for the Construction of Moderate Cost Family Housing Near Employment Centers: Location-Efficient Mortgages will be defined in the text (item e) and the description of employer-assisted housing programs will be refined (item f). Item g was listed in error and deleted.

**Agenda Item #5: Strategy Update**

Kevin Viera presented three alternatives for funding the IRP program and recommended improvements. The first option would seek 50% state or federal grants with a 5)5 local agency match. The second option would provide seed money from local agencies for a grant writer, but would provide no further local funding match. The third option would be to hire one or more grant writers who would be paid by commission from the grants actually received. Jim O'Grady noted that the funding process often depends on the kind of Strategy

being funded. In its detailed evaluation of Strategies, staff will identify funding options for each Strategy.

In discussing possible additional strategies not previously identified, the TWG discussed a payroll tax on Riverside residents. While this type of tax could promote better balance, it was not recommended for additional consideration. TWG members felt that this type of revenue measure was beyond the scope of the IRP. In addition to the new employment already advocated for Riverside County, more jobs within major employment centers in northern San Diego County also would promote better jobs-housing balance.

#### **Agenda Item #6: Next Steps/I-15 Work Program Update**

Jeff Martin presented a revised I-15 IRP Project Schedule. The next step in the study process will reduce the number of strategies, if possible, and to establish priorities. Detailed evaluation of the Strategies should be complete in December; a draft monitoring program and draft final report in March, 2004.

The TWG discussed the overall philosophy of the program. Although high priority Strategies could provide mobility improvements that encourage additional travel, TWG members said that existing demand should be accommodated. Maurice Eaton said that several recent studies indicated that transportation facility improvements have a relatively small effect on travel demand, at least over the short run.

#### **Agenda Item #7: Project/Issue Updates from Working Group Members**

Prior to the September 19, 2003 I-15 IRP Policy Committee meeting, there will be a SANDAG Transportation Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m. A "Workforce Housing" workshop also will be held that morning at the University of San Diego.

#### **Agenda Item #8: Next Meeting Date and Location**

The next I-15 IPG Working Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, October 10, 2003 in Temecula. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2003 in Escondido.

## **September 11, 2003 Meeting Attendees I-15 Interregional Partnership**

### **Western Riverside Region**

Stevie Field, SWRC Economic Alliance  
Jeff Greene, Office of Assemblyman Ray Haines  
Jim O'Grady, City of Temecula

### **San Diego Region**

Maurice Eaton, Caltrans, District 11  
Bill Levin, City of San Diego  
Laurel Nicholson, 66<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Candidate  
Paul O'Neal, Office of Senator Bill Morrow  
Barbara Redlitz, City of Escondido

### **Staff Members -**

Elgeritte Adidjaja, WRCOG  
Susan Baldwin, SANDAG  
George Franck, SANDAG  
Jeff Martin, SANDAG  
Kevin Viera, WRCOG