

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

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

Jeff Martin, SANDAG, 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 this meeting summary.

**Agenda Item #2: Summary of the November 13, 2003 I-15 IRP Technical Working Group Meeting**

The Technical Working Group made no corrections to the draft meeting summary.

**Agenda Item #3: Public Comment/Communications.**

There were no public comments or working group member communications.

**Agenda Item #4: Strategy Update**

Staff listed the eight long-range strategies identified by the TWG at its November meeting. At that meeting, the TWG recommended that two long-range jobs-housing balance strategies and one long-range economic development strategy be reclassified as short-range. This means that they would be implemented immediately following Policy Committee consideration in January. Also at the November meeting, the TWG recommended that five potential strategies be consolidated and that three potential strategies be eliminated from further consideration.

Barbara Redlitz questioned the deletion of strategy H2, the revitalization of older neighborhoods near existing employment centers. Following discussion, staff was asked to redraft the strategy to focus on infill housing and the upgrading of community facilities.

Kevin Viera questioned the consolidation of Transportation Strategies T1- support for high speed rail – with T5 – the provision of interregional HOV facilities in the I-15 corridor. The TWG concluded that different kinds of interregional actions would be needed to implement HSR and HOV facilities. Staff was asked to retain these as separate strategies. [NOTE: Staff will renumber the strategies that remain under consideration prior to the next meeting.]

**Agenda Item #5: Short Range Economic Development and Jobs-Housing Balance Strategies**

Short-range strategy ED1, expanded economic development agency collaboration, is proposed as a two-stage effort. Initial collaboration between southwestern Riverside County agencies would be followed by collaboration between this new Riverside County group and existing EDA collaborative groups in San Diego.

Two options for initiating collaboration in Riverside County were discussed: a consortium approach and a WRCOG-initiated effort. Because WRCOG's existing committee structure encompasses a larger geographic area, staff was directed to rewrite the draft ED1 strategy incorporating the consortium approach.

There was no discussion of the reclassified jobs-housing balance strategies: JH1, the continuation of existing jobs-housing balance program advocacy and JH2, the continuation of jobs-housing balance outreach efforts.

#### **Agenda Item #6: Long Range Economic Development Strategies**

Staff presented a new long-range economic (ED5) strategy development based on the concept of economic clusters, already part of the SANDAG Regional Comprehensive Plan. This effort would continue the collaboration among economic development agencies, initiated in short-range strategy ED1. While noting that economic development programs in inland areas should be different than those in coastal communities, Dianne Sessions suggested that job retention should be a major part of this strategy. She recommended that Economic development staff from cities should be included in these efforts. Ramsey Green suggested that Chambers of Commerce also be included.

The most prominent example of interregional testing was identified as the manufacture of bio-medical instruments in Riverside to be used in the San Diego research facilities. TWG discussed Lockheed-Martin aerospace testing in Riverside County; an additional example of existing clustering.

#### **Agenda Item #7: Long Range Strategy Priorities**

Staff recommended that three Strategies be actively pursued through the Interregional Partnership: Moderate Cost Housing Incentives (currently H3), Employment Cluster Job Promotion (ED5) and Interregional High Occupancy Vehicle Lane/Managed Lane Implementation (H5).

While not specifically adopted by the Interregional Partnership, the program has developed two major objectives:

1. to reduce the existing jobs/housing imbalance through additional moderate cost family in San Diego and a full range of jobs in Southwest Riverside County and
2. to provide adequate transportation capacity in the corridor in a cost-effective, environmentally-sensitive way.

The TWG and Policy Committee will be asked to confirm these objectives in January 2004. High priority should be given to both Strategy T1 (High Speed Rail) and Strategy T5 (High Occupancy Vehicle facilities). TWG members asked staff to consider the incorporation of HUB (Historically Underutilized Business) zones, Fire-Site technology and the business opportunities offered through "sustainability" in the long-range strategies. Potential sustainability industries include gray-water reuse and trash-to-energy facilities.

#### **Agenda Item #8 and #9: Next Steps/I-15 IRP Work Program Update**

Based on the TWG and Policy Committee discussion of potential strategies, staff is preparing a new work program for next year and will apply for Caltrans funding programs for FY 2005.

#### **Agenda Item #9: Project/Issue Updates**

Because of limited time, no updates were presented.

#### **Agenda Item #10: Adjournment and Next Meeting**

To review the final draft strategies, the TWG rescheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, January 8, 2003 in Temecula; the next Policy Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2004, also in Temecula.