

Imperial-Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA)



MINUTES – 27TH MEETING

DATE:	October 13, 2016
TIME:	10 am to 12 pm
LOCATION:	Art Gallery, SDSU-IV Campus 720 Heber Ave. Calexico, CA 92231
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Sergio Tagliaprieta
MEETING #	27th
# OF ATTENDEES	33
NOTE TAKER	Meredith Garcia
ATTENDEES	Please refer to the attached sign-in sheet.
WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The meeting was called to order by Alliance’s Chair, Sergio Tagliaprieta. Self-introductions were made by all attendees. Mr. Ponce SDSU Dean, welcome the attendees to SDSU facilities.
BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES	<p>Calexico West/Mexicali I POE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mark Baza, ICTC provided an overview report of the Calexico West Port of Entry (POE) Phase 1 Project. Updates were based on the project sheet status provided from U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). ➤ Carlos Lopez of SIDUE provided a presentation regarding the Calexico West POE project in Mexicali. The following is a summary of the project and improvement areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Build 3 more access areas to Calexico. ○ The first phase of the project will include 6 lanes including a medical lane. ○ Second phase of the project will include an expansion of 13 lanes. ○ Calexico access from Mexico will be from Colon St. East/West and New River.

- The exit from Calexico to Mexicali will direct people to Mexicali's Downtown and Medical Cluster.
- The Mexico Border enhancement project is estimated at \$800 million pesos.
- \$450 million has been projected to cover costs for Phase 1 which includes 13 southbound lanes, 10 northbound lanes and a pedestrian bridge.
- Phase 2 of the project estimate of investment is \$400 million pesos these funds have not been approved by federal government.

Calexico East/Mexicali II POE

- As a follow up topic from last meeting Mark Baza noted that 2 federal grants had been submitted requesting partial funding for the project, TIGER 8 and FASTLane Grants. The following is a summary of the project improvements:
 - Widen bridge over the All American Canal
 - Add 3 new Commercial Inspection lanes (from 3 to 6)
 - Add 6 new northbound POV lanes (from 8 to 14)
 - Road Construction
 - Pedestrian pathway improvements including shades sidewalks and cell phone/ transit lot
 - Implement ITS & air quality monitoring technologies
 - Toll collection administration and operations facility

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

CDI

- Carlos Cordova of Consejo de Desarrollo Industrial de Mexicali (CDI) and Tim Kelley of Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC) provided an overview of the economic development agenda as an effort to promote the region.

IVEDC




- Timothy E. Kelley, IVEDC President/CEO, shared about the recent events attended:
 - National District and Export Council
 - 6TH Ace Conference held at Toronto
 - CaliBaja Conference
- Also, Mr. Kelley mentioned about the partnerships and alliances that have been created will improve our region and foster collaboration.

GOODS MOVEMENT BORDER CROSSING STUDY PHASE 2

- Mike Jones Senior Regional Planner from the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) gave a presentation, regarding the Goods Movement Border Crossing Study-Phase II. The study addressed:
 - Data Collection
 - Scenarios and Forecasts
 - Bottleneck Analysis
 - Findings and Recommendations
 - Next Steps

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Data Collection was done taking into consideration: truck OD, truck drayage, rail operations and emerging trends. It was mentioned that 60% of inbound shipments come from the US. ➤ Mr. Jones also presented on the opportunities and study results. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Growth in the Mexican manufacturing and transportation increase ○ Imperial Valley geographic location between Mexico and US is a valuable asset ○ Baja California economic outlook is more positive than other cities in the country
CALEXICO URBAN PLANNING FEASIBILITY STUDY- GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ David Leites of U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) presented on the Calexico Urban Planning Feasibility Study. The study came about as part of the Calexico West POE Phase I project. The study area was Downtown Calexico. ➤ The study proposed two design concepts and one lighting concept; one recommended an underground electrical route. ➤ The proposed phases had the following cost estimates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phase 1: Retreat on 2nd Street and Relight on Rockwood – \$6.1 million ○ Phase 2: Revive on 3rd Street – \$1.2 million ○ Phase 3: Revive on 1st Street – \$890,000 ○ Phase 4: Extending Revive on 3rd Street and Retreat on 2nd Street – \$3.4 million ➤ Mr. Leites stated that implementation of the improvements would be the responsibility of the City of Calexico.
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROJECT UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IMBA members did not have announcements.
AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT TIME & NEXT MEETING DATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Next IMBA meeting January 2017
ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



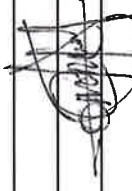


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