

Subject: East Valley Community Advisory Group (EV CAG) Meeting #5
 I-10 and I-15 Corridor Projects, San Bernardino County

Date: November 19, 2013

Location: Gonzalez Community Center, Colton, CA

Participants: A total of 7 CAG Members participated in the meeting.

EV CAG Members in Attendance	Organization
Espartigo (Randy) Sosa	Inland Empire Scholarship Fund
Frank Reyes	Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Foundation
John Abma	On Target Auto and RV Service
John MacMillan	Retired, Fontana Police Department
Mark Adelson	CAEPA, State Water Resources Control Board
Richard Prieto	City of Colton – Planning Commissioner
Other CAG Members in Attendance (non-EV CAG)	Affiliation
David Buxbaum (WV CAG)	Buxbaum & Chakmak
EV CAG Members not in Attendance	Affiliation
Carl Dameron	Dameron Communications
Carole Beswick	Inland Action Inc.
Christine Roque	Redlands Good Neighbor Coalition
Colin Strange	San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce-Economic Development and Business Resources
Concepcion Powell	US-Hispanic Women Grocers Association
Cynthia L. Ramirez	City of Colton – Planning Commission
Dr. Dan Harris	AARP
Edward Martinez	Martinez Marketing & Management
Eloise Gomez Reyes	Law Office of Eloise Gomez Reyes
Gail M. McCarthy	Arts Council of Big Bear Valley
Gary Grossich	Nickelodeon Pizza
Gloria Macias Harrison	San Bernardino Community College District
Hamid H. Azhand	California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB)
Jeffrey McConnell	Lions Club, Grand Terrace
Jeffrey Veik	CAL Fire, Mountain Division
John Longville	Former roles: SANBAG & SCAG
Judi Penman	San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce
Larry R. Sharp	Retired-California State University, San Bernardino
Mark Stanson	Redlands Public Commission
Maureen A. Snelgrove	San Bernardino County, Parks Department
Nick DePasquale	Fairview Ford Sales, Inc.

Pamela Emenger	Yucaipa Valley Chamber of Commerce
Richard Haller	Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Robert Baker	Hill International Contracts
Valerie Henry (attended WV CAG)	Devore Rural Protection Association
William Siegl	California Highway Patrol
Other (non-CAG Members)	Organization
Richard De Atley	Reporter – The Press Enterprise
Virrant Sanghai	PB
John Klemunes	PB
San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and Consultants	
Chad Costello	SANBAG
Jane Dreher	SANBAG
Dave Speirs	Parsons
John Meier	Parsons
Jason Lombard	Lee Andrews Group
Annette Cortez	Lee Andrews Group
Tito Corona	Lee Andrews Group

MEETING NOTES

I. Welcome

CAG Members were greeted by Jason Lombard, Lee Andrews Group.

II. CAG Member Reports

CAG member report forms were provided to CAGs prior to the meetings and were returned to the Outreach Team via email. Mr. Lombard introduced Chad Costello to discuss project status and potential next steps. Mr. Costello informed the CAG of the recent development by the SANBAG Board to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review and further discuss the Express Lanes alternative. He announced that the Ad Hoc Committee's first meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

The following question was asked at the end of Mr. Costello's presentation:

- David Bauxbaum: What is the purpose of the SANBAG Ad Hoc Committee and what it was going to do? *Chad Costello: The Ad Hoc Committee will focus on the Express Lane Alternative. The Ad Hoc has only recently been formed and is currently gathering additional background information on the project. The next steps for the I-10 and I-15 projects were scheduled to be reviewed by the SANBAG Board on December 4th, but that is not certain until the Ad Hoc meets to discuss the next steps for the respective projects.*
- David Bauxbaum: How many people sit on the Ad Hoc Committee? *Chad Costello: 7 of the 29 SANBAG Board Members form the Ad Hoc Committee.*

PowerPoint Presentation – Following the Board update, the remaining agenda items were discussed with the use of a PowerPoint presentation (a hard copy of the presentation was given to each of the CAG Members), which included the following discussion topics outlined in the sections below.

III. Summary of feedback on Equity Study – Presented by Jason Lombard, Lee Andrews Group

Mr. Lombard provided a summary of the CAG member feedback received to the question below.

- Do you have any remaining concerns with regards to the fairness of an Express Lanes Alternative for low-income travelers?

A total of 28 responses were received (EV: 10, HD: 6, WV: 12)

- 18 CAG members responded with “no additional concerns or comments on Equity Study”.
- 10 CAG member provided comments.

Comments received included the following topics:

- Monthly maintenance fee on non-frequent user accounts.
- Financial assistance plan (equity plan) similar to Metro ExpressLanes.
- Employer programs that offer access to express lanes with tax deductible incentives.
- Strong outreach and advertisement campaign on how to use express lanes, purchase and register transponders.
- Improvement in travel speed even in the general purpose lanes used by non-paying travelers.
- Reduced price for low income seniors and disabled drivers.

Mr. Lombard concluded this presentation by thanking the members for providing feedback and also informing them that the comments received reinforced many of the concepts included in the Equity Study Report as well as encouraged the continue exploration of options to reduce the potential cost for low-income users.

IV. Breakout Sessions - Presented by Jason Lombard, Lee Andrews Group

Mr. Lombard explained the goal, discussion topics and format for the breakout sessions.

- **Goal - To discuss and capture feedback regarding project elements presented to date.**

Discussion topics include the following:

- I-10 and I-15 Project Alternatives – Pros and Cons.
- Questions and comments regarding information presented at previous CAG meetings.
- Questions and comments received from affiliated groups.
- Given the Alternatives presented for I-10 & I-15, what message does the CAG want to convey to the SANBAG Board?

- Breakout group format:

Break out group sessions (45 minutes)

- Small group discussions facilitated by Project Staff.
- Select two CAG members to:
 - Record comments on flipchart
 - Report back to entire CAG

Reconvene (30 minutes)

- Selected CAG member to report back to entire CAG.
- What is the overall message this CAG wants to convey to the Board?

V. Breakout Groups Reconvene

Mr. Lombard facilitated the meeting while the selected CAG members reported back to the entire CAG. The 2 selected CAG members shared the responses received to the questions discussed in the breakout groups. The discussion questions and responses reported to the entire CAG are as follows:

1. What have you identified as the Pros and Cons of the three Alternatives for I-10 and two Alternatives for I-15? Why?

Corridor Alternative	Pros	Cons
I10 - No Build	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No cost incurred. 2. Encourage people to take public transportation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incurred cost to maintain the lanes. 2. Increased pollution, fuel cost, lower quality of life for region. 3. Added congestion on side streets. 4. Does not free up funding for the I-15 corridor. 5. This is not a viable option.

		6. Heading for Grid lock.
I10 – HOV	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No toll. 2. Free to carpoolers. 3. Short term congestion reduction. 4. Lower construction costs than toll lanes. 5. Less right of way required compared to Express Lanes Alt. 6. Easier to use. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non income producing. 2. Limited restricted use. 3. Does not free up funding for the I-15. 4. Increased costs to keep up lanes with no revenue generation.
I10 – Express Lanes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relieve congestion on freeways and surface streets. 2. Reliable travel times. 3. Long term congestion relief. 4. Free up excess funds for the I-15 corridor. 5. More cost effective. 6. Income producing. 7. Lower cost of construction and maintenance in long term. 8. Choice to use. 9. Reduced congestion in general purpose lanes. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monthly maintenance fee for occasional HOV lane user. 2. High tolls. 3. Are toll roads even necessary? 4. Drivers have already paid for highway/freeways – we don't want to pay again. 5. Direct cost to users. 6. Require greater public outreach and education.
I-15 No Build	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Same as I-10 No Build Alt. 2. Relieve congestion. 3. Generate revenue for future expansion. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Same as I-10 No Build Alt. 2. Impacts from out of state/out of area vehicles.
I-15 Express Lanes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building infrastructure now will produce benefits for the future. 2. Same as I-10 Express Lane Alt. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct cost to users. 2. Require greater public outreach and education.

1. Is there any information from the last CAG Meeting that you need clarification on?

- What was the reason for creating the Ad-Hoc Committee at this time?
- Will there be more detail given on the finances related to the Project?
- Has the SANBAG Board taken any position regarding a Preferred Alternative?
- No additional clarification needed.

2. What are some of the most common questions received from your affiliated groups? How have you responded?

- Equity questions.
- Public Education.
- How to exit lanes, especially for smaller cities.
- How will it affect business along the corridors?
- What is it going to cost? Are toll roads even necessary?
- Don't want to pay services charges for transponder.
- Don't want to pay fees (\$50 up front and \$4 monthly fee).

- Truck lanes – extending to other roadways with grades. Add run-away lanes.
 - Drivers have already paid for highways/freeways. Don't want to pay again.
3. Given the Alternatives presented for I-10 and I-15, what message does the CAG want to convey to the SANBAG Board?
- Concern that the board is moving too slowly in choosing a path.
 - Concerned about the timeline for the AD-HOC Committee.
 - We believe the Express Lanes are the best choice for the future of the region.
 - It provides the best choice for the freeway users and provides the most cost effective way to build and maintain the infrastructure of our region and building the express lanes will fund both the I-10 and I-015 corridors.
 - Building infrastructure now will produce benefits far into the future.
 - Usage cost is a concern.
 - Monthly service fees a concern.
 - Make accessible for low income.

VI. Next Steps – Presented by Jason Lombard, Lee Andrews Group

Mr. Lombard announced the following meetings:

- SANBAG Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
November 26, 2013
SANBAG Office – Santa Fe Depot
Closed Session
- SANBAG Board Meeting
December 4, 2013, 10AM
SANBAG Office – Santa Fe Depot
1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92410
- Potential 2014 CAG Meetings
TBD based on December 4th Board meeting

VII. Action Items – Presented by Jason Lombard, Lee Andrews Group

Mr. Lombard encouraged the CAG members to continue with the following action items:

- Emailing feedback and comments to SANBAG@leeandrwsgroup.com
- Visiting project website for updates
- Recruiting people to “Like” our Facebook page and to “Follow” us on Twitter (@SANBAGnews)

VIII. Additional Questions and Comments

There were no additional questions or comments provided by the CAG members at the conclusion of the presentations.

Project Material Distributed

The following Project materials were provided to all CAG meeting attendance:

- Meeting Agenda
- CAG Meeting #5 PowerPoint presentation copy
- Breakout group discussion questions
- Updated I-15 Corridor Project Fact Sheet (English and Spanish)
- I-10 Corridor Project Fact Sheet (English and Spanish)
- Comment Card
- CAG Meeting #4 PowerPoint presentation copy (available upon request)

Next CAG Meeting

- *2014 EV CAG Meetings*–To be determined based on December 2013 SANBAG Board meeting. CAG members will receive notice via email and phone call about the next proposed CAG meetings.