



# CEAL Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** August 1, 2012 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m in Garcia Room

**Meeting Purpose:**

Caltrans External Advisory Liaison (CEAL) Director's meeting

**Welcome and Caltrans Update:**

- State Route 905 (SR-905) connecting the Otay Mesa Port of Entry to the highway system was opened to the public in July 2012.
  - Armando Freire, CA Trucking Association: SR-905 is saving +/- 40 minutes
- MAP-21 New transportation bill for +/- 27 months
- The Caltrans Program Review is available on the website. The purpose of the Program Review is look at Caltrans business model and external relationships to establish process streamlining opportunities.  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/prgrev2012.pdf>
- As part of the TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program, the Hidden Valley mitigation site was acquired by SANDAG, the Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This acquisition is now incorporated into the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge.  
<http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=263&fuseaction=projects.detail>

**California-Baja California Border Master Plan/Roundtable Discussion:**

Presented by Sergio Pallares, Caltrans Chief International Studies Branch

- See CEAL website to view PowerPoint presentation and associated materials.
- Question (Carmen Sandoval, SD Chamber of Commerce): Did we give California/Mexico border annual distribution of loading trucks to and from U.S. – relative to what comes in and goes from California – Can we update this map?
  - Caltrans is looking into opportunities to update the information.
- Phase 3 of Brawley Bypass to be completed in October 2012
- Mexican government will toll the Mexican side of the border that accesses the US).
- Question (Nan Valerio, League of Women Voters): On funding, what are the funding sources? Are there funding sources into the future? No funding (now) for MAP-21?
  - Follow up Question: Is there any interest in modeling this BMP in other states, along the US/MEX border? This is already under way.
- Question: Is there opportunities for private funding?
  - Answer: Please refer to posted Caltrans Grant Website.
- Question (Mark Baza, ICTC): How much did FHWA provide towards this effort?
  - Answer: \$160,000

- Caltrans just got a grant for +/- \$300,000 for examining non-motorized vehicles transportation-across the California border
  - survey of pedestrian crossings
  - 2-3 hours pedestrian waiting times
  - Imperial County – hot weather/bad infrastructure leading to the port
- Question (Carmen Sandoval, SD Chamber of Commerce): San Ysidro, What's Caltrans involvement?
  - Answer: We give technical support (highway design) to GSA and other agencies.
  - Follow up Question: Has GSA determined which convection/carry out we'll have at San Ysidro?
- Question (Carmen Sandoval, SD Chamber of Commerce): Chaparral, Is that "curve" the permanent solution? Regarding the curve/access road at Chaparral. No decision from GSA as yet.
- Question (Sara Osborn, City of SD): Non-motorized study- What's the scope?
  - Answer: Non-motorized study— 50,000-60,000 people cross the border every day
- Mario Igrasci, COMPACT: Provide local access (interim) to SR-125 from the border
- Samir Hajjiri, City of SD: probably need to abandon? the Lone Star interchange
- Armando Freire, CA Trucking Association: 3-4% margin in trucking industry – truckers would almost never take the SR-125 toll road; discussion on having the POE open 24 hours a day