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California-Baja California Border Resiliency Plan Update

Overview

On November 22, 2024, the Board of Directors accepted a \$3 million planning grant from the Caltrans [Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant \(STPG\)](#) Program to develop the [California- Baja California Border Resiliency Plan \(BRP\)](#). The BRP is a comprehensive, binational effort that prioritizes climate adaptation and resilience of transportation infrastructure within the border region. The BRP will develop strategies and recommendations to address climate hazards focusing on the communities ten miles to the north and south of the border from the Pacific Ocean, east to the California- Arizona border. Similar efforts are underway by the North County Transit District (NCTD) and Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to address the resilience of rail infrastructure.

Key Considerations

Climate hazards, like flooding, extreme heat, wildfire, and sea level rise, are impacting people who drive, use public transit, walk, and bike in the California-Baja California border region. The BRP is a comprehensive, binational partnership with Caltrans, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the State of Baja California to address climate hazards by:

- Identifying strategies to promote border resiliency and improve and protect transportation infrastructure from climate hazards.
- Evaluating existing and planned efforts by federal, state and/or local agencies to address climate hazards and identify any potential gaps.
- Conducting extensive outreach and collaboration with border region communities and stakeholder groups to develop strategies that address climate challenges and improve resiliency and equity.

A new BRP Interagency Task Force was formed to provide technical guidance and for the duration of the grant. Membership of the Taskforce consists of binational representatives from federal, state, local and tribal governments and agencies. Three Taskforce meetings have been held focusing on the identification of climate stressors within the project area and effects on air quality.

Outreach for the BRP began in early January with the release of a [public survey](#), in addition to planned community outreach events in the project area. The public survey will run through the end of February 2026. SANDAG will also be hosting focus groups, stakeholder 1:1 meetings, and community outreach events through March 2026.

Action: Discussion

This presentation and discussion will include an update on the Border Resiliency Plan, which aims to evaluate existing resiliency efforts and identify strategies to promote resiliency, including for transportation infrastructure, at the international border. The discussion may include identifying potential areas for collaboration to strengthen regional resiliency efforts.

Fiscal Impact:

This work is funded through Overall Work Program No. 3402101 established by the Board of Directors.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

Caltrans issued a Notice to Proceed in January 2025. Project will be completed by June 2027.

Next Steps

The fourth BRP Interagency Task force will be held on January 28, 2026, and will focus on water resource impacts on border communities. Staff will continue to bring regular updates on the progress of the project to the Borders Committee.

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