



El Cajon Collaborative Council Meeting

March 1st, 2011 Meeting Notes

Meeting Purpose: *To engage service-delivery staff and community members in resource sharing, networking, and action to benefit the children, youth and families of the El Cajon Community.*

I. Welcoming Remarks & Collaborative Updates

Pam Toohey shared some welcoming remarks and collaborative updates. She announced the upcoming Free CPR Saturday, on March 19th offered by the San Diego Chapter of the American Red Cross.

II. Presentation: San Diego 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

SANDAG Senior Regional Planner, Heather Adamson spoke about the Countywide planning efforts for updating and improving our transportation networks in San Diego. She shared a Power Point and maps of the proposed transit and highway networks, with detailed information on transportation goals to reduce greenhouse gases. She answered questions from the group. The feedback and responses to questions by Heather are summarized as follows:

- There are a lot of low-income and refugee populations that rely on transit services and it doesn't look like there are that many projects are on the map for East County. (Response included information on the high frequency bus networks will serve the maps highlighted areas every 10 minutes by 2050 as well as the Environmental Justice analysis that was done in conjunction with the planning.)
- What about services for the disabled and Veteran's? (Response included information that is "not on the map" about operational and infrastructure improvements that will be made in conjunction with the new plans.)
- How can I share feedback? (Response included that there will be a 55 day review period for the Regional Transportation Plan coming up in May/June and all public comments will be taken via the web, email and telephone.)
- What about rural East County? (Response included that new transit networks are not proposed and there is not a map of the proposed operational improvements, but local jurisdictions will have additional funding to make improvements. 20% of the funding in the plan is dedicated to local/street road improvements throughout the County.)
- How is the cost for passes determined? (Response noted that there will be an appendix in the plan that covers all the "Financial Assumptions" which covers this information).
- Can you tell me more about the bus services in the highlighted areas on the map and when they will be available? (Response the high frequency bus services will be phased in and should be at every 15 minutes by 2035, some areas may even have service as often as every 5 minutes. By 2050 the service will be every 10 minutes in most areas of the County.)

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III. Resource Sharing – Community Announcements

The following organizations and community groups were present and shared resources and/or program updates. We recommend that all participants utilize the Collaborative Council contact list to follow up on information presented at the meeting. The most recent version can be accessed online at the El Cajon Collaborative website www.elcajuncollaborative.org under the “Meetings” tab.

- American Red Cross
- Birth Parent Association
- Chaldean-Middle Eastern Social Services
- Courage to Call
- Crossroads Family Center
- Cuyamaca College
- East County Refugee Center
- El Cajon Community Development Corporation
- Family Health Centers of San Diego
- Healthy Adventures Foundation
- Home-Start
- License to Freedom
- Mental Health America – San Diego
- Mental Health Systems, Inc.
- Meridian Southern Baptist Church
- Neighborhood Healthcare
- Planned Parenthood
- San Diego County Library – Rancho San Diego and El Cajon Branches
- San Diego Youth Services
- San Diego County, East Region HHSA
- SHARP Mesa Vista
- Southern California Tribal Chairman’s Association
- Vista Hill ParentCare

We welcomed for the first time,

- Lucy Jasso of Survivors of Torture International
- Chelsea Myers of East County Case Management
- Natalie McKenna of National Conflict Resolution Center
- Rigo Garcia of McAlister Institute
- Connie Saks of the San Diego County Library Fletcher Hills branch
- Eva Navarrette of Logan Heights Family Health Center
- Dora Arnold of American Red Cross outreach

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