



Airport Connectivity Subcommittee

Item: **1**

February 5, 2019

Action Requested: **Approve**

January 3, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Chair Steve Vaus (City of Poway) called the meeting of the Airport Connectivity Subcommittee (Subcommittee) to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Self-introductions were made. The attendance sheet for this meeting is included.

2. Review of Subcommittee Membership List and Charter (Information)

Chair Vaus asked members of the Subcommittee to define success.

Navy Region Southwest Executive Director Joe Stuyvesant (U.S. Department of Defense) stated that he would like to see land leveraged for the entire community. The Navy's priority is mission readiness, which means Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) needs to be in a new, modernized facility as soon as possible, and there is an opportunity to accomplish that goal with San Diego Grand Central.

Mayor Rebecca Jones (North County Transit District) expressed the need to enhance multimodal transportation to the San Diego International Airport (Airport) from the Los Angeles–San Diego–San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor, Santa Fe Depot, Old Town Transit Center, and major destinations in the region. Mayor Jones also spoke about reducing emissions and road congestion.

Councilmember Mona Rios (Metropolitan Transit System) stated that she would like to see increased bus pick-up times, a free bus shuttle from Old Town Transit Center to the Airport, and a look into fixed rights-of-way that will guide transit directly to the Airport.

Chair Garry Bonelli (San Diego Unified Port District [SDUPD]) said that he wants a solution that will move the most people, goods, and services as safely, reliably, equitably, and sustainably as possible.

Mayor Kevin Faulconer (City of San Diego) said that San Diego Unified Port District and San Diego County Regional Airport Authority are amid planning stages, and Terminal One needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Mayor Faulconer stated that the Subcommittee needs to think holistically about how to connect people to the Airport.

Chair Vaus communicated his belief that San Diego Grand Central is a critical regional project and the Subcommittee should think outside the box for solutions.

Council President Georgette Gomez (City of San Diego) spoke about creating a plan that prioritizes transit to the Airport in a meaningful way. Council President Gomez also spoke about the responsibility to be mindful of climate change and to create an implementation plan that includes the financial resources to bring this project to fruition. Council President Gomez believes it is important to connect Airport employees easily to their place of employment.

Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego) said that this is a visionary project that needs to have both a short- and a long-range vision that are practical and realistic.

Chair April Boling (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority [SDCRAA]) said that Terminal One needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

Director Cory Binns (Caltrans District 11) said that he wants to see a multimodal concept that everyone agrees on and funding strategies that will get the project built.

Mayor Mary Salas (SANDAG Board of Directors) spoke about the limited economic opportunities due to challenges with moving people to and from the Airport.

Action: This item was presented for information.

3. Review of Combined Schedules (Discussion)

Muggs Stoll, Director of Land Use and Transportation Planning, Assistant Vice President of Planning and Green Port Jason Giffen (SDUPD), and Vice President of Development Dennis Probst (SDCRAA) reviewed and discussed deadlines from San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, Airport Environmental Impact Report, and Port Master Plan.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

4. Staff Working Groups Update (Discussion)

Coleen Clementson, Principal Regional Planner, reviewed the collaboration efforts relating to government relations, planning, communications, and legal matters made to date.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

5. Review of Studies to Date (Information)

Ms. Clementson presented a summary of planning efforts that have been conducted within the last ten years to consider improved transportation connections to the Airport.

Action: This item was presented for information.

6. New Possibilities (Discussion)

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, spoke about tourism and the economic opportunities this state-of-the-art project can bring to the San Diego region. Other opportunities and possibilities to consider include SPAWAR redevelopment, Federal Opportunity Zone, California Redevelopment 2.0, California Environmental Quality Act streamlining legislation, and new housing and jobs, among others. SANDAG will work to bring on consultant assistance to support work efforts of the Subcommittee and will issue a Request for Information to solicit innovative ideas from external entities that may contribute to improving connectivity to the Airport.

Mr. Binns presented various options for Interstate 5 improvements related to San Diego Grand Central, auxiliary lanes, widening of ramps, smart signals, connector ramps, and potential pricing options.

7. Upcoming Meetings (Information)

The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 2 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Chair Vaus adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Airport Connectivity Subcommittee Meeting

January 3, 2019

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
SANDAG Board of Directors	Steve Vaus, Chair	Yes	
	Mary Salas	Yes	
City of San Diego	Kevin Faulconer	Yes	
	Georgette Gomez	Yes	
County of San Diego	Ron Roberts	Yes	
Metropolitan Transit System	Mona Rios	Yes	
North County Transit District	Rebecca Jones	Yes	
San Diego Regional Airport Authority	April Boling	Yes	
San Diego Unified Port District	Garry Bonelli	Yes	
Caltrans	Cory Binns	Yes	
U.S. Department of Defense	Joe Stuyvesant	Yes	

DRAFT