CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sanders called the Ad Hoc Airport Regional Policy Committee meeting to order at 7:23 a.m., Thursday, July 17, 2008, at the San Diego International Airport, Board Room, Commuter Terminal, 3225 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

ROLL CALL:

City of San Diego
PRESENT: Committee Members: Mayor Jerry Sanders, Steve Peace
Alternate: Councilmember Jim Madaffer
ABSENT: None

San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
PRESENT: Committee Members: Board Member Alan Bersin,
Board Member Jim Desmond
Alternate: Board Member Charlene Zettel
ABSENT: Board Member Bruce Boland

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
PRESENT: Committee Members: Board Member Mary Sessom,
Board Member Jack Dale
ABSENT: None

Port of San Diego
PRESENT: Committee Members: Commissioner Michael Bixler,
Commissioner Dukie Valderrama
Alternate: Commissioner Steve Cushman
ABSENT: Committee Member: Commissioner Steve Cushman

County of San Diego
PRESENT: Committee Members: Supervisor Ron Roberts, Supervisor
Greg Cox
ABSENT: None

Metropolitan Transit System
PRESENT: Committee Member: Board Member Harry Mathis
Alternate: Board Member Jerry Rindone
ABSENT: None
Mayor Sanders stated that the date for the offsite workshop has been confirmed for August 2, 2008 at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina. He further stated that the August 7, 2008 regular meeting is canceled.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

PETER MILLER, SAN DIEGO, spoke regarding the impact economic development has on Point Loma.

JIM FROST, SAN DIEGO, requested that staff explain what page they are on in the PowerPoint to make it easier for the public to follow along when listening to the audio of the meeting from the website.

SUHAIL KHALIL, SAN DIEGO, Peninsula Community Planning Board, stated that there is a town hall meeting with other local associations September 23 or 25 at the Portuguese Hall and he hoped that Mayor Sanders, Airport Authority Chairperson Bersin, and Airport Authority President/CEO Thella Bowens would attend.

COMMITTEE STAFF COMMENT:

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS AND REPORTS:

ITEM – 1: Discussion Item – Presentation on California High Speed Rail and Potential Implications for Lindbergh Field

Peter Gertler, HNTB, and Jose de Jesus Martinez, California High Speed Rail Authority, provided a presentation on High Speed Rail, which included a video.

Board Member Dale arrived at the meeting.

In response to Board Member Mathis regarding using existing right-of-ways in San Diego, Mr. Gertler stated there are significant challenges, but the Interstate 15 corridor has promising opportunities.
In response to Commissioner Bixler regarding energy sources for the High Speed Rail system, Mr. Gertler stated that the system would be supported by the existing grid. He further stated that the system will not be producing its own energy.

In response to Board Member Bersin regarding if the state planning efforts for high speed rail are aligning with federal planning that calls for high speed rail east from Orange County, Mr. Gertler stated that their firm is a partner agency with the Federal Railroad Administration. He stated that there have been issues with compliance, and that the system has not been used in North America before. He stated that special regulatory permissions will be needed to be able to operate. He further stated that it is envisioned that the system would be installed in a shared-use corridor on Interstate 15.

Board Member Sessom noted that Assembly Bill 3034 gives priority funding to the Los Angeles to San Francisco segment and San Diego was given low priority. She stated that SANDAG has taken a position of “oppose unless amended” on AB 3034.

In response to Mr. Peace regarding where stations will be located, Mr. Gertler stated that the proposed stations were at the Santa Fe Depot (downtown), University City, and Escondido. He stated that there is an opportunity to integrate high speed rail into the intermodal facility being proposed as part of Destination Lindbergh.

In response to Commissioner Valderrama regarding projected ridership, Mr. Gertler stated that over 100 million annual riders are projected system-wide. He stated that the Los Angeles to San Diego corridor is very robust and would probably generate the second highest number of passengers in the system.

In response to Board Member Nygaard regarding operational public subsidies, Mr. Gertler confirmed that the proposed model is anticipated to be a public/private partnership and will not require operating subsidies.

**ITEM – 2: Discussion Item – August 2nd Destination Lindbergh Workshop Preparation**

Holland Young, Jacobs Consultancy, provided a presentation on the August 2nd Ad Hoc Committee Workshop Preparation, that included Potential Scenarios for Consideration, which included a North Centric Scenario; Hybrid Scenario; and a South Centric Scenario; which included Facility Location Options; and the Preliminary Workshop Agenda.

Board Member Bersin stated that, within the scenarios, the Committee will have a range of options.
Mr. Young asked the Committee whether or not it would like staff to generate concepts as a starting point for discussion during the workshop. Supervisor Roberts stated that staff should provide a basic structure by which the Committee can make policy decisions.

Board Member Sessom stated that it would be more productive if the Committee has all the scenarios within which to work.

In response to Board Member Cox regarding the need for additional land, including a part of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, in order to consider north side scenarios, Mr. Young stated that the first priority is to look within the current airport boundaries, and that the Marine Corps has been clear about the non-availability of land.

Board Member Desmond questioned the pros and cons and financial viability of the north side scenarios versus the south side scenarios.

Mr. Peace stated that as much technical depth as possible is needed. He stated that visuals would be helpful. He further stated that there is no reason to spend time discussing an intermodal Center on the south side.

Keith Wilschetz, Director, Airport Systems Planning, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, stated that staff is working with the Port District to make the Teledyne Ryan property available for airport support use. He stated that a stipulation within the settlement agreement for the property is that the Airport Authority cannot include the property in any planning efforts until the environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is certified.

Board Member Sessom noted that it is important to be considerate of the planning efforts of other agencies to ensure that the Committee is not planning in a ‘vacuum’.

Commissioner Bixler stated that, for the August 2 workshop, visual overlays or transparencies of what property belongs to who and the impact the Committees’ planning efforts would have on each jurisdiction would be helpful.

**ITEM – 4: Discussion Item – Presentation of California Independent Voter Project Lindbergh Plan**

Carl Nettleton, California Independent Voter Project, provided a presentation on the Lindbergh Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC), which included Modeled Scenarios; Findings; Projected Lindbergh ITC Level of Service Improvements; Impacts of Greenhouse Gases and Pollutant Emissions; Implementing Green Airport Practices; Integrating San Diego’s Transportation Elements; and What San Diego Could Gain from a Lindbergh ITC Concept.
Supervisor Roberts stated that the significant growth in vehicle miles was downplayed.

In response to Supervisor Roberts in regards to there being no ramp from the airport to Interstate 5 North, Mr. Nettleton stated that in this version, it was assumed that the India Street ramp would still be used, but that there would be significant improvements to the ramp.

ITEM – 3: Discussion Item – Activity Forecasts for San Diego International Airport
Roberta Hernandez, Landrum & Brown, provided a brief presentation on the activity forecast, which included the airport history and market profile factors that affect demand; and forecasts of future aviation demands at SDIA. She stated that limited growth is expected for four to five years and the long term growth rate projections vary from 1.1% to 2.3% annually.

ITEM – 5: Discussion Item – Conclusion and Next Steps
LANCE MURPHY, SAN DIEGO, expressed concern regarding CEQA issues. He also stated that the forecasts have been exceeded in recent years.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. The next meeting will be a workshop held on Saturday, August 2, 2008, at 8:00 a.m., in the Marriott Hall 3 at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, California 92101.