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AD HOC AIRPORT REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008
SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sanders called the Ad Hoc Airport Regional Policy Committee meeting to order at 7:19 a.m., Thursday, October 30, 2008 at the San Diego International Airport, 3225 N. 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,
Board Member Bruce Boland
ABSENT: None

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 Steve Cushman,
Alternate: Commissioner Dukie Valderrama
ABSENT: None

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

North County Transit District

PRESENT: Alternate: Board Member Julianne Nygaard
ABSENT: Committee Member: Board Member Bob Campbell

United States Department of Defense

PRESENT: Alternate: Lt. Colonel Jeffrey Koffel
ABSENT: Committee Member: Colonel Chris O'Connor

Mayor Sanders announced that an offsite workshop is scheduled for November 8, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott, Liberty Station.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

JIM FROST, SAN DIEGO, presented a proposal for airport development.

LANCE MURPHY, SAN DIEGO, spoke regarding the constraints of the runway on the economic analysis, and stated that the analysis of the Environmental Impact Report must be completed.

COMMITTEE STAFF COMMENT:

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

ITEM – 2: Discussion Item – Decision Sequence for Alternatives

Holland Young, Jessica Wyatt, and Jeff Fucigna from Jacobs Consultancy, provided a presentation on the Decision Sequence for Alternatives, which included an overview of the decision sequence for the Intermodal Transit Center development and Terminal 1 replacement.

In response to Board Member Sessom regarding the requirement of the MOU between the City of San Diego, SANDAG, and the Airport Authority that the Committee make a decision by February 28, 2009, Mr. Young stated that that issue would be discussed at the November 8 Workshop.

Mayor Sanders noted that the decision making process will also be discussed at that time.

Board Member Bersin stated that the location of the Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) and the decision on the replacement of the existing Terminal 1 will be the pivotal conclusions of this Committee.

ITEM – 1: Discussion Item – Revised Development Alternatives for Destination Lindbergh

Holland Young and Jeff Fucigna, Jacobs Consultancy, provided an overview of the Revised Development Alternatives, which included an overview of Airfield Family A (Taxiway B Relocation) and Airfield Family B (Taxiway C Extension).

In response to Mr. Young's presentation of the ten remaining options, Commissioner Bixler requested that the consultant's provide an opinion on each option to help the Committee reach a decision more quickly.

Board Member Desmond stated that knowing the cost considerations will make it easier to make a decision.

Mayor Sanders stated that first the scenarios must be narrowed down, and then a decision needs to be made on the ITC. He stated that once those decisions have been made, the costs can be determined on the remaining options.

Mr. Peace stated that the most operationally efficient and cost-effective concept should be designed, and then determine the cost of the concept.

Board Member Mathis questioned that if the decision is to build the ITC off-airport property, if the Federal Aviation Administration will assist with funding.

Mr. Young stated that the key issue regarding the ITC is land acquisition.

Supervisor Roberts suggested looking into the possibility of a second runway that is shorter and more closely spaced to increase airport capacity. He requested that staff examine the uses identified in the support facilities area in the alternatives.

Commissioner Bixler stated that cost avoidance, in terms of quality of life, should be considered. He stated that if the ITC is the most valuable component to the entire region, it must be determined which alternative most aides the successful operation of the ITC.

Board Member Dale noted that if the choice is made to have gates on the north side and move the ITC off-airport, some of the land designated is not airport-owned. He suggested that an alternate plan be developed in the event that the land that is not owned by the airport does not become available.

Mayor Sanders reported that there is a consensus from the Committee that the ITC be moved off-airport.

ITEM – 3: Discussion Item – Proposed Alternatives Evaluation Method Criteria and Process

Holland Young and Brian Mohr, Jacobs Consultancy, provided a presentation on the Proposed Alternatives Evaluation Method, which included the Evaluation Criteria, Alternatives Screening Process, Alternative Evaluation Process, and Primary Screening Questions.

Board Member Dale suggested that the different factors be weighted because some features are more important than others.

Board Member Sessom stated that the criteria should include cost effectiveness and cost benefit.

Commissioner Bixler, with the concurrence of the Committee, requested that Concept B7 be removed from further consideration.

Board Member Nygaard suggested that staff look at the value of any alternative to the people in the region.

Mr. Peace stated that, in regard to the rental car property, the Port District would need to be made whole. He suggested that the Committee look at the idea of taking people out of their cars, and that it would not be wise to rush into the Terminal 2 expansion if the Committee's decision is to address Terminal 1.

Board Member Boland stated that the Airport Authority has been having meetings with the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and the City of San Diego regarding the Washington Street gate.

BILL INGRAM, SAN DIEGO, stated that it is the Committee's fiduciary responsibility to build a quality airport. He suggested building an airport in the East Elliott area.

CYNTHIA CONGER, SAN DIEGO, stated that the benefits for San Diego County need to be considered. She spoke in opposition to the additions to this airport.

ITEM – 4: Discussion Item – Conclusion and Next Steps

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2008, at 8:00 a.m., in the Liberty Hall at the Courtyard by Marriott, Liberty Station, 2592 Laning Road, San Diego, CA 92106.