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To: SANDAG Vice Chair Sean Elo-Rivera
SANDAG Board member Hon. Todd Gloria
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RE: Support for the Airport Transit Connector Automated People Mover Alternative and Loop Extension to Liberty Station

San Diego International Airport expansion will increase the number of passengers traveling through the airport from 25 million passengers per year to 40 million by 2050. This will increase traffic congestion in already constrained roadways surrounding the San Diego International airport. To relieve traffic and provide a direct connection to the airport, the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) is in support of a much-needed Central Mobility Hub Connection to the Airport. On July 28th, the SANDAG Board received an update report on the Airport Transit Connection Concept Studies. Staff presented concepts using three modes of transit, light rail, enhanced bus service, and automated people mover technology.

PCPB supports the automated people mover (APM) concept. The people mover alternative as presented by SANDAG staff will have the greatest impact on reduced commute time to the airport and provide the greatest reduction of daily traffic on constrained roadways leading to the Airport.

The PCPB also requests that the automated people mover extension loop to Liberty Station and the Midway District as proposed in the Central Mobility Hub and Connections Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan-June 2023, remain as the preferred environmentally friendly option to connect the local region to the airport and reduce long term traffic congestion. We request that the dedicated bus lane option along Rosecrans Street be omitted from the proposed connectivity program and from further consideration. And finally, we request SANDAG explore opportunities to extend the people mover to the newly proposed 16,000-seat Sports Arena. A link to the Sports Arena will provide an efficient transportation alternative to events, enhance connectivity, and reduce traffic on already constrained streets.

The APM loop extension to the Midway District and Liberty Station will improve and extend access and connectivity to major residential, employment and tourist destinations while reducing local traffic congestion.

Sincerely,

Frederick W. Kosmo, Jr.,
Chair, PCPB
Attachment-Figure 4-10 Central Mobility Hub Corridor Plan