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To: SANDAG Board of Directors
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RE: Letter of Support to Advance the Regional Airport Transit Connector and Automated People Mover Alternative.

The Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) strongly supports the efforts of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) in planning an affordable, near-term rail connection between Downtown and the San Diego International Airport.

We were concerned to learn about SANDAG's recent announcement of a three-year delay in the project timeline for additional studies, and the PCPB firmly believes that a swift and decisive approach is essential to address the imminent transportation challenges faced by our community and the broader region.

1. **Benefits to Local Vehicular Traffic Congestion:** A rail connection to the airport would not only enhance the overall transit infrastructure but also alleviate traffic concerns in Point Loma, Middletown and Midway/Pacific areas. The Board urgently requests that the project be expedited to prioritize the efficiency of transportation and provide an accessible transit option to contribute to a more sustainable and livable environment for the local community.
2. **Future Extension Potential:** The Board is excited about the prospect of extending the people-mover or rail connection into Point Loma in the future. Recognizing the potential benefits it could bring to the community, we urge SANDAG to actively consider this extension in its long-term planning. The extension would further enhance accessibility, promote sustainable transit options, and contribute to the overall connectivity of Point Loma.

In conclusion, the Peninsula Community Planning Board actively urges SANDAG to reconsider the announced delay and instead prioritize a timely implementation of the rail connection project. We believe that this initiative is vital for the well-being of our community and the broader San Diego area. Additionally, we actively look forward to future discussions regarding the potential extension of this transit connection into Point Loma.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We actively look forward to the prompt progression of this vital transit project for the benefit of our community and the greater San Diego area

Sincerely,

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