

ENVISIONING A SAN DIEGO “GRAND CENTRAL”



STRIVING FOR A ONE-TRANSFER CONNECTION TO THE AIRPORT
FROM ANYWHERE IN THE REGION

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is leading the effort to develop a bold new vision for San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan and provide direct connections for all transit modes to access the San Diego International Airport.

For decades, regional leaders have explored how to make it easier to get to the airport. Now it's time to make the connection. San Diego International Airport is one of the only two major airports in the country without a substantial connection to the surrounding region's transit network. Traffic on airport access roads is projected to increase beyond capacity in the near future.

It is a priority for SANDAG to develop plans that connect the airport with a premier transit hub to offer seamless one-transfer connections between the airport and major destinations in the county. The San Diego region's first "Grand Central" multimodal hub could converge the Trolley, COASTER, Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, *Rapid* transit, local bus, and future transportation services.

San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer called on area agencies – including SANDAG, the City of San Diego, San Diego International Airport, Port of San Diego, Caltrans, Metropolitan Transit System, and North County Transit District – to come to consensus and collaboratively develop approaches to improve regional access to the airport.

THE TIME IS NOW

JUNE 2019

TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY OPTIONS

BETWEEN SAN DIEGO GRAND CENTRAL AND THE AIRPORT



With the rise of new and emerging transportation technologies, there are a variety of options to connect San Diego “Grand Central” to the airport terminals, ranging from shared autonomous vehicles to above- or below-ground automated people movers or similar technologies, as well as the potential extension of the San Diego Trolley.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The ACS will evaluate the transportation connection concepts to the airport using the following criteria:

- Improve transit access for all modes, with the goal of increasing transit ridership to the airport while also mitigating traffic impacts.
- Reduce auto traffic and congestion in and around the airport, minimizing impacts to local communities and enabling Harbor Drive to become the next “great waterfront street.”
- Increase user experience and convenience, including ease of transfer connections, walk times, and fare systems, with the goal of increasing ridership
- Reduce vehicle miles traveled and travel time
- Reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions, helping the region meet state mandates and support stakeholder climate action plans
- Overall project feasibility and constructibility, identifying and minimizing project risks
- Overall project cost effectiveness, ensuring project benefits are attained relative to capital and operational cost.

SANDAG also will provide a preliminary assessment of the ability to generate regional economic benefits, including new permanent jobs and temporary construction jobs, and opportunities for economic development.

TIMING

Concept development	February 2019
Alternatives development	February – March 2019
Opportunities and constraints analysis	March 2019
Decision matrix for concepts	April 2019
Concept review	May 2019
Select concept for further development	Summer 2019

The Airport Connectivity Subcommittee is anticipated to recommend a San Diego “Grand Central” concept for further development to the SANDAG Board of Directors in Summer 2019.

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For more information or to access Airport Connectivity Subcommittee meeting materials, **visit sandag.org/airport** or contact the SANDAG Public Information Office
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POTENTIAL SITES AND PLANNING CONCEPTS FOR SAN DIEGO GRAND CENTRAL



POTENTIAL SITES

NAVWAR Facility

Located just north of the San Diego International Airport, the Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR) is owned by the U.S. Navy, which is currently seeking opportunities for redevelopment. The site could be an employment hub that benefits greatly from transit.

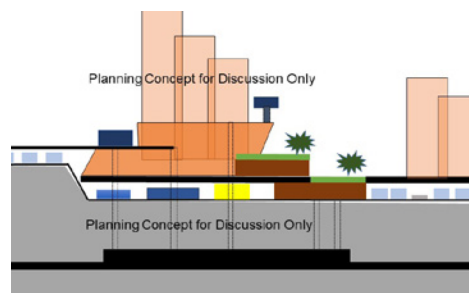
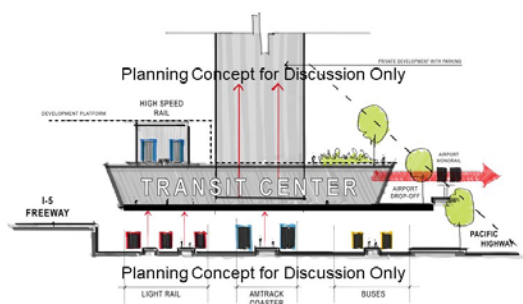
Intermodal Transportation Center

This area between Interstate 5 and Pacific Coast Highway – south of Washington Street, adjacent to the Trolley and train tracks – was first studied by SANDAG in 2008, and is listed in the current Regional Plan. It could serve strictly as a multimodal hub for airport connectivity.

The subcommittee considered Old Town Transit Center and Santa Fe Depot as potential sites. Due to space constraints, these locations are not considered viable options.

PLANNING CONCEPTS

“Grand Central” planning concepts developed to facilitate discussion.



THE BENEFITS

OF THE SAN DIEGO GRAND CENTRAL CONCEPT

THE THREE PRIMARY BENEFITS

1. Provides a fast and convenient transfer between major destinations in the region, the airport, and surrounding attractions and activity centers
2. Supports major partner agency planning initiatives, including:
 - » Redevelopment of San Diego's world class international airport and alignment with the proposed Airport Development Plan
 - » Transformation of Harbor Drive as "the next Great Waterfront Street" as part of the Port Master Plan Update and the Port's Climate Action Plan.
 - » Contributes to achievement of the City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan and Downtown Mobility Plan goals
3. Serves as a key element of the 2021 Regional Plan, which delineates the regional transportation system through 2050.

DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS

Development of San Diego Grand Central and the direct transit connection to the airport will:

- Reduce traffic on roadways surrounding the airport
- Decrease greenhouse gas emissions
- Increase opportunities for economic development



SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE 2021 REGIONAL PLAN



SANDAG is developing a bigger and bolder transportation vision for the 2021 Regional Plan that will transform the way people and goods move throughout the San Diego region. Key strategies, known as the 5 Big Moves – including Complete Corridors, Transit Leap, Mobility Hubs, Flexible Fleets, and Next Operating System (OS) – create the framework to enhance connectivity, increase safety and sustainability, and improve quality of life. By creating a premier urban mobility hub where high-speed transit and shared fleets integrate to support complete corridors, San Diego "Grand Central" is key to this bold new transportation vision.

For more information about the 2021 Regional Plan and the 5 Big Moves, visit SDForward.com

A COLLABORATIVE INTER-AGENCY EFFORT

To facilitate exploration of new opportunities, San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer convened an inter-agency advisory group overseen by SANDAG – known as the Airport Connectivity Subcommittee (ACS) – to identify potential transportation solutions to improve transit and road connectivity to the San Diego International Airport. The ACS is leading the effort to identify both short- and long-term options, including sites for the "Grand Central" multimodal hub and connections to and from the airport.

The San Diego "Grand Central" concept is being studied in partnership with the following agencies:

