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Airport Authority begins environmental work on consolidated rental car facility

Additional analysis will advance SDIA north-side projects

SAN DIEGO – March 29, 2010 – The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority has initiated environmental work on a future consolidated rental car facility (CONRAC) on the north side of San Diego International Airport (SDIA).

Located just off Pacific Highway, the CONRAC will be designed to make rental car operations at the airport more efficient and convenient for travelers by combining them in one central facility. It will also ease airport vehicular traffic by reducing the number of rental car buses needed to circulate to the terminals to pick up and drop off passengers.

The CONRAC was identified in the airport master plan's Environmental Impact Report, certified in May 2008. Additional environmental analysis and planning are required prior to beginning construction on the CONRAC.

The CONRAC is also included in Phase One of the Destination Lindbergh recommended development plan, which considered the ultimate build-out of SDIA. Destination Lindbergh – a multi-agency plan developed by the Airport Authority, SANDAG, MTS and others and chaired by San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders – envisions shifting passenger access and processing to the north side of the airport. The CONRAC and a future intermodal transit center (ITC) incorporating bus, trolley, rail and potential high-speed rail stops are two components of that vision.

The Airport Authority will develop the CONRAC. However, because the ITC will be located off airport property, its development will be led by SANDAG with cooperation from the City of San Diego, transportation and transit agencies, and the Airport Authority.

Other projects being evaluated as part of the environmental work for the CONRAC include public parking (likely within the CONRAC), an on-airport roadway connecting the CONRAC and the passenger terminals, and development of the former Teledyne Ryan site and additional cargo facilities. This additional environmental work is scheduled to be completed this fall.

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region's long-term air transportation needs. San Diego International Airport — funded through user fees — served 16.9 million passengers in 2009 and generates some \$10 billion in annual economic impact for the region.

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