

# GROUND TRANSPORTATION AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING #1

Thursday, November 29, 2018  
San Diego International Airport  
3225 N. Harbor Drive  
San Diego, CA 92101

## MEETING SUMMARY

### I. ATTENDANCE

#### **Voting Members (Board Members):**

Robert Lloyd  
Johanna Schiavoni  
Mark West

#### **Non-Voting Members:**

Abebe Antalo	Kamran Hamidi	Anthony Palmeri
Richard Abdala	Tony Hueso	Carelyn Reynolds
Peter Brownell	Mikail Hussein	Safaah Saleh
Zodin Del Rosario	Kevin Kohl	Nasser Tehrani
Mike Forbush	Adrian Kwiatkowski	Peter Zschiesche
Arica Gatley	Gulab Mohammadi	
Yonas Ghiliu	Kenneth Nelson	

A total of 27 public members attended this meeting, and a total of 12 public comments made.

### II. COMMITTEE WELCOME

Mr. Mark West, Authority Board Member, welcomed everyone emphasizing (a) the Authority's commitment to hear from every stakeholder as discussions continue over the next several meetings; (b) the need for this committee to think beyond the room and toward the future of ground transportation with a focus on the customer; (c) the desire to ensure transparency in the committee's efforts; and (d) it is not the purpose of this committee to reexamine existing agreements already decided by the Authority Board.

Mr. West introduced Heidi Gantwerk, the committee's facilitator, highlighting her extensive experience working with diverse stakeholders on complex issues such as airport noise.

The committee will operate under a set of rules outlined in the presentation. It was emphasized that there will be no side meetings with the Board or staff on the committee's topics over the period covered by this committee. Committee members and stakeholders

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are highly encouraged to send comments or concerns in writing to [GTAC Comments@san.org](mailto:GTAC_Comments@san.org). All comments will be read and given serious consideration.

### III. COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND DELIVERABLES

The Ground Transportation Ad Hoc Committee (GTAC) is formed to facilitate input from community stakeholders, subject matter experts and current Ground Transportation permittees regarding the future of Ground Transportation operations at San Diego Airport.

The committee will prepare a report with recommendations that will contain the following:

- Differences in mode vehicle, environmental standards, permitting, and operating requirements
- Parameters for long-term operating strategy
- Parameters for ground transportation environmental program

### IV. GROUND TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Mr. Marc Nichols, Director of Ground Transportation, provided an overview of the following: Authority's strategies and transportation goals; regulatory permitting of commercial modes; GT operating strategies & MOAs; statistics and trends in commercial vehicle trips at SAN; key GT program milestones; GT environmental program; and, level playing field issues. The presentation is available online on the committee web page at <https://www.san.org/Airport-Authority/Meetings-Agendas/Ground-Transportation>.

Committee members noted the following:

- ADA compliance should be added to the list of level playing field issues.
- The number of TNC vehicles operating at SAN should be provided, along with the percent "green" rating.
- Los Angeles Airport's TNC placard with QR code may be an option for SAN.
- There are a total of 898 taxis in the MTS system, 65 of which in the voluntary surrender status.

### V. STANDARDIZATION STRATEGIES

The committee engaged in a facilitated discussion aimed at formulating strategies for standardization across commercial modes in several areas.

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### Permitting

- Lift cap on taxi permits to improve customer service; a cap on the number of vehicles exists only for taxi mode
- Prior to 1983 airport was open – understand from history why that ended: traffic, service quality, vehicle quality
- Create a cap on number of TNC vehicles in lieu of lifting cap on taxis to reduce traffic impacts; TNCs have unlimited access while taxis don't
- Consider that an open taxi permit system does not imply anyone can operate; recognize the partnership with the City of San Diego in regulating taxis
- Focus of permit requirements and transportation strategy should be on passengers
- Moving to electronic filing of documents for permitting processes
- Regulation and politics: recognize the adverse impact on industry and value to transportation providers
- Be cognizant of economic realities: all business partners need economic viability
- Focus on needs and how to best address them, not just on fairness

### Environmental

- Create a new incentive program for new vehicles in operation for all modes (currently only a 25% discount)
- Evaluate environmental impacts by company, not just by vehicle

### Operations

- Equipment/technology – Implement AB1069, following the cities and MTS example; allow use of app by customer to call a ride at a lower rate than the published rate

## VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Highlights of the public comment period include the following:

- Airport drivers invest a great deal into the business
- When changing policy, rules or regulations, it is important to provide ample notice to businesses to allow for an economically feasible transition
- Opening the airport to all taxis registered by MTS is a public safety issue
- Harbor Drive traffic poses serious safety concerns for all operators

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### **VII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next five meetings are planned as follows:

1. Dec 20, 2018 - Environmental presentation, regulations, other airport programs, state/national trends, program goals
2. Jan 17, 2019 - Current operating strategy for modes, long-range planning, industry trends, key components of long range strategy
3. Feb 21, 2019 - Guidelines for long-range operational strategy
4. Mar 21, 2019 - Guidelines for environmental program
5. Apr 04, 2019 - Final recommendations for Authority Board

All meetings will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the SDCRAA Administration Building – 2nd Floor, Orville/Wilbur Wright Conference Room, 3225 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

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