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Subject: Regional Transportation Plan  
Peninsula Community Planning Board comments

Dear Mr. Vance,

This letter and position paper attached herein contains the Peninsula Community Planning Board's (PCPB) complete comments to SANDAG's 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP provides future funding for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, express bus lanes, light rail, bicycle trails, and walking paths, but does not address critical traffic problems in San Diego's destination communities. The RTP provides no relief for Point Loma/Peninsula communities, such as the long awaited access from Interstate 8 east to Interstate 5 North and no relief for the heavily congested Rosecrans Street, except local bus services. Multi-modal transportation strategies must include a balanced approach to investing in mass transit with roadway improvements to increase efficiencies and reduce congestions to mitigate CO2 emissions. The City of San Diego's Land Use and Housing Committee's resolution dated June 27, 2011 is not a balanced approach to solving our transportation concerns.

Redevelopment of the former Naval Training Center into Liberty Station has overloaded the capacity of Rosecrans Street to the point where the community is severely impacted. These roads were already significantly strained by traffic from the San Diego International Airport, two U.S. Navy facilities, and Point Loma Nazarene University, which are all major destination centers.

The population of Point Loma is forecast to increase by more than 17,000 people in 2030. Liberty Station is projected to double its commercial occupancy levels by 2020. The San Diego International Airport is forecasting the percentage of traffic using North Harbor Drive to double by 2030. And, the Navy has not announced plans to close bases.

Point Loma is a world renowned destination with rich coastlines and history. Millions of visitors come to our community annually to experience Cabrillo National Park, Fort Rosecrans National Cemetary, world class fishing, the Naval Training Center / Liberty Station, America's Cup Harbor, Sunset Cliffs, Ocean Beach and Sports Arena. We ask that the ideas presented in the attached document be given serious study as possible solutions to improve ingress and egress traffic patterns constraining the Point Loma / Peninsula communities.

Respectfully,



Suhail Khalil  
Peninsula Community Planning Board, Chair

Cc: San Diego City Council  
Community Planner's Committee