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San Diego City Council approves
Cross Border Facility Project

Project first of its kind in the Americas

San Diego, CA- City Councilmember David Alvarez today announced approval by the San Diego City Council of the Otay-Tijuana Ventures Cross Border Facility, an innovative terminal-like facility which accesses the Tijuana International Airport.

The Cross Border Facility can be accessed by ticketed passengers flying in or out of Tijuana's Rodriguez Field. From the US, passengers can be dropped off or use a surface parking lot, check-in, and proceed across a 500-foot long bridge that crosses the International Border and leads directly into the airport terminals. Passengers utilizing the facility are still required to adhere to US Customs and Border Protection and Mexican Customs entry procedures.

The first phase of the multi-phase project will provide the Cross Border Facility and a surface parking lot. Future phases may include a parking structure, expanded facility for cargo handling, industrial and office space, and a hotel.

"This project provides the region with convenient access to a major international airport that has the capacity for future growth," stated Councilmember Alvarez. "More importantly, it provides for an essential economic engine and no financial burden to the City."

The public-private project, which essentially serves as a new port of entry, is completely privately financed and boasts Sam Zell as one of its top investors. The facility will be especially attractive to the business and manufacturing sectors as it will open up new international destinations not served by Lindbergh Field.

"Rodriguez Field directly serves more international destinations than Lindbergh and is complementary rather than competitive," added Alvarez. "I believe the region's manufacturing sector is especially excited about better access to Asian markets."

Alvarez is the Councilmember for the Eighth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the southern communities of San Ysidro, Otay Mesa, Ocean View Hills, Nestor, Egger Highlands and the Tijuana River Valley. He is currently the chair of the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture Committee.

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