



# Regional Aviation Demand and Alternative Scenarios Regional Aviation Strategic Plan

Airport Advisory Committee  
RASP Subcommittee

*December 10, 2009*



Revised Draft

# Meeting Agenda

## 1. Project Overview and Schedule

## 2. Regional Aviation Demand

Economic background

Historic air service trends

Factors moving forward

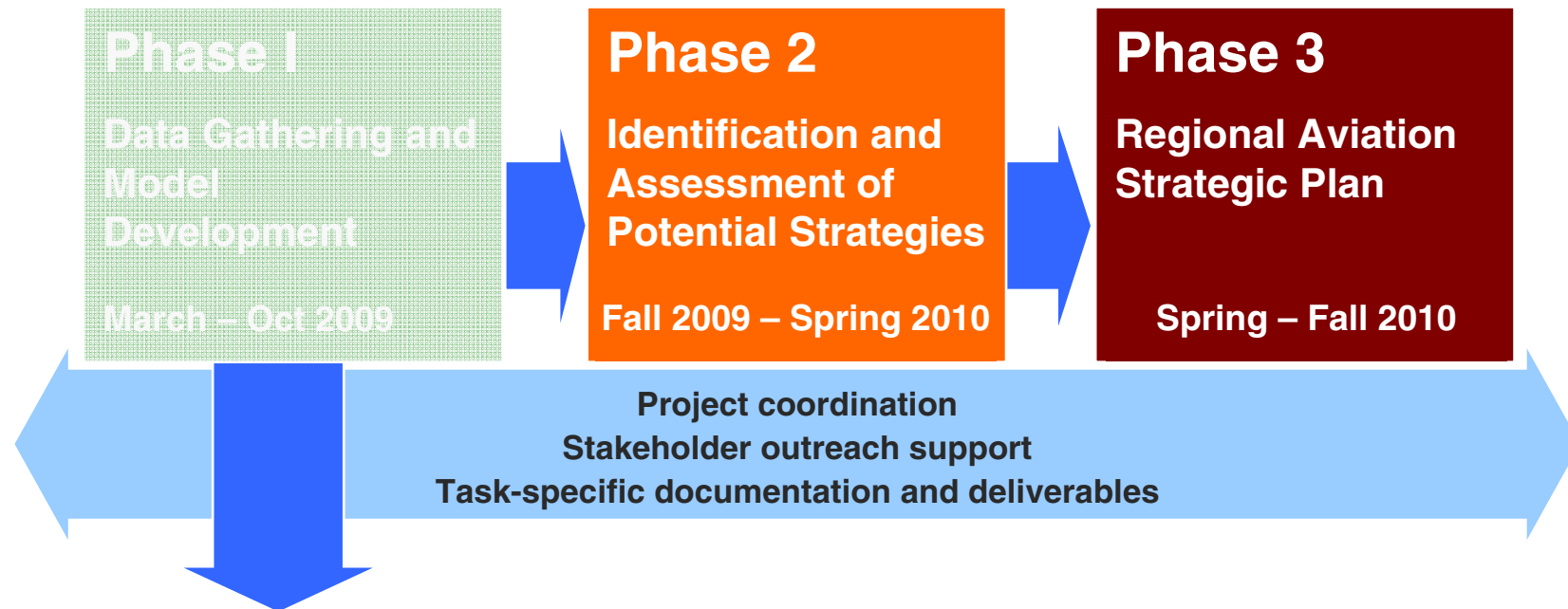
## 3. Base Case Scenario

## 4. Alternative Scenarios



# RASP Project Overview

*Three Phase Work Plan Culminating in mid-2010*



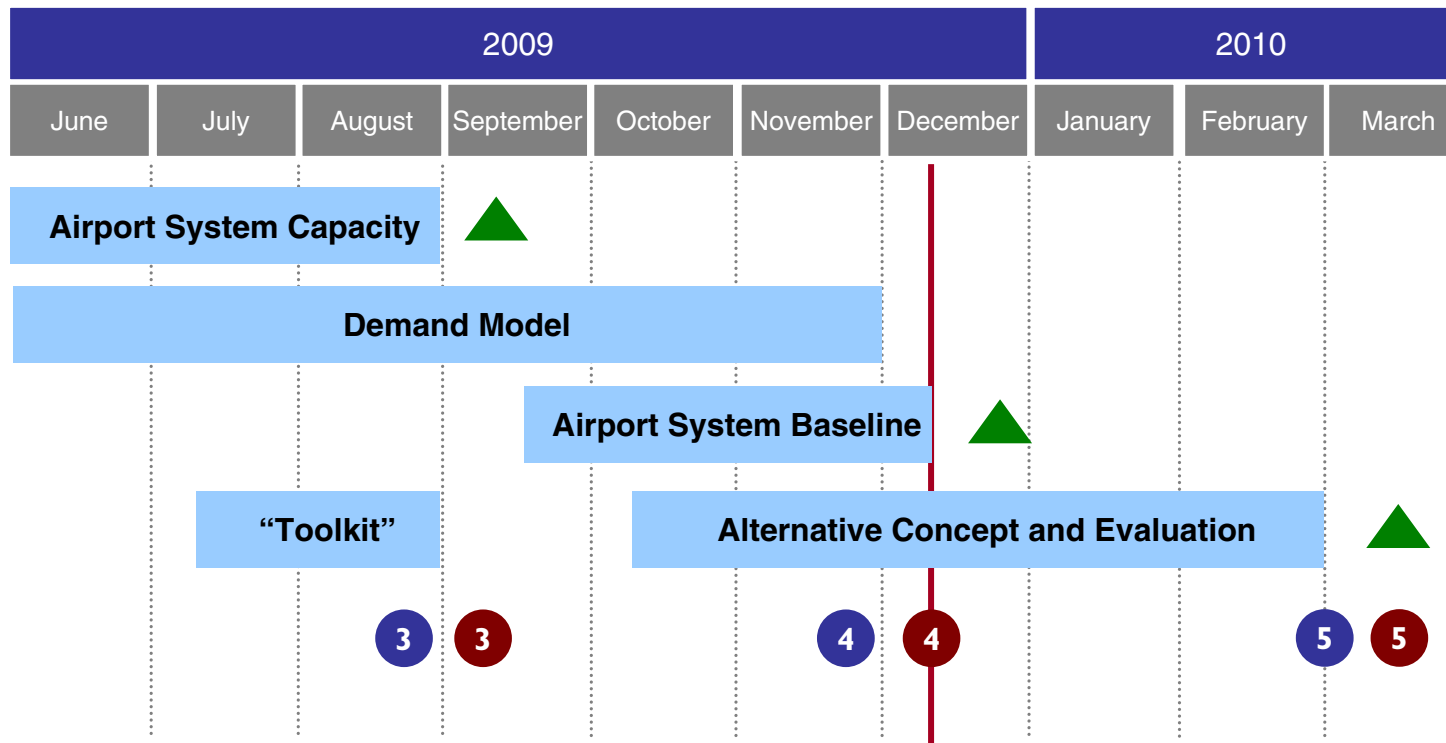
Key Phase I deliverables ([www.sdrasp.com](http://www.sdrasp.com))

- Regional Aviation Demand Forecasts (Subcommittee meeting #1)
- Inventory and Strategic Assessment (Subcommittee meeting #2)
- Demand/capacity analyses (Subcommittee meeting #3)
- System optimization strategies (Subcommittee meeting #3)



# Near-term Schedule and Work Plan

*Project Is On Schedule*



## SCHEDULE MILESTONES

- Ad Hoc Meeting
- RASP Subcommittee Meeting
- ▲ Task Deliverable



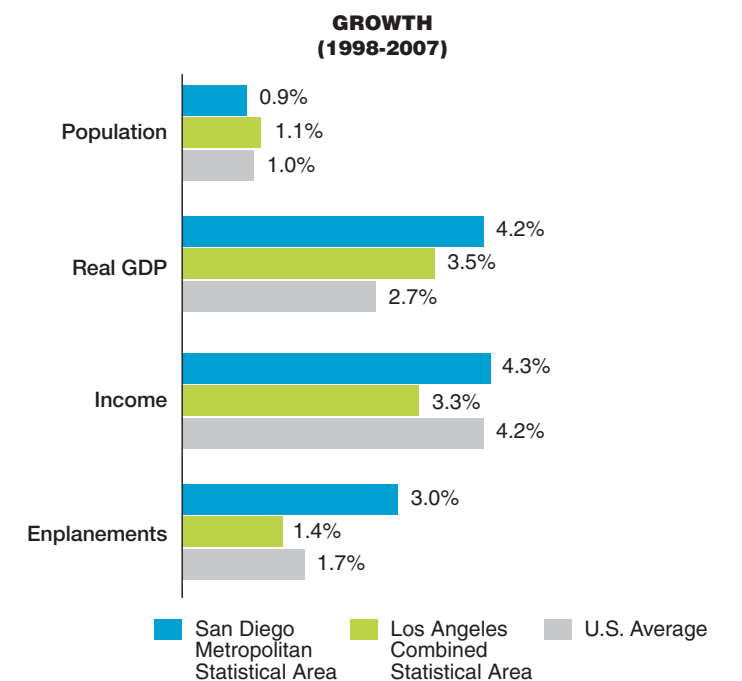
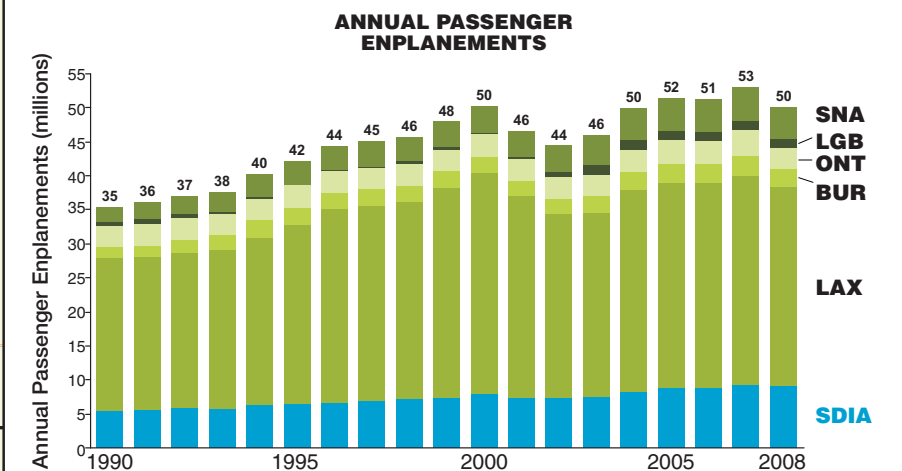
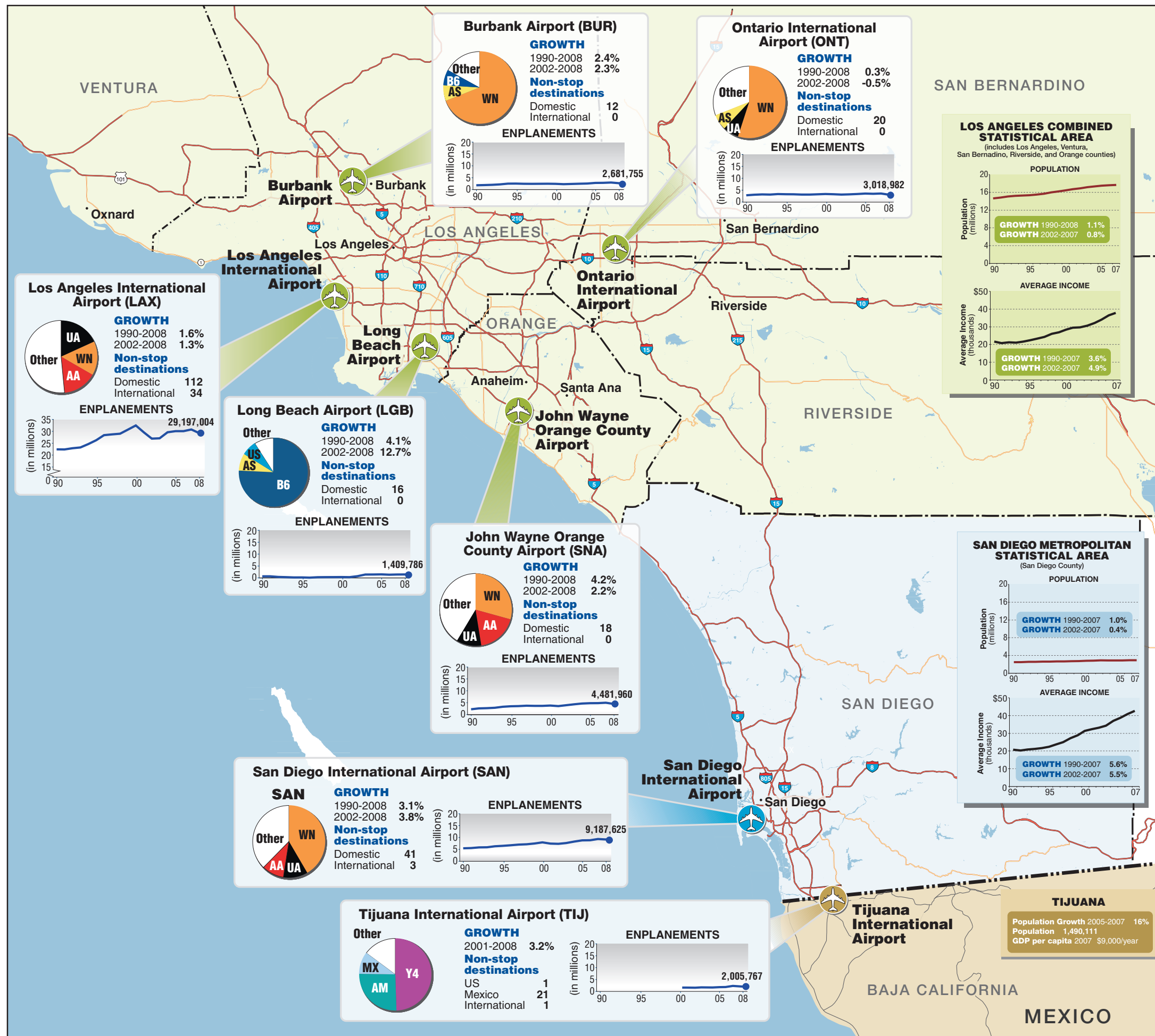


# Summary of Regional Demand Findings

## *Demand Findings Influence the Alternative Scenarios Considered*

- San Diego has experienced above average growth compared to Los Angeles, Mexico, and the U.S. as a whole
- Except for LAX, aviation growth in Southern California is significantly influenced by low cost carriers' business model
- Although SDIA has good domestic air service at competitive airfares, some San Diego County residents choose to use airports in the LA region and Mexico
- RASP strategies and alternatives should be considered in the context of the larger region surrounding San Diego County
- Both Tijuana International Airport (TIJ) and California High Speed Rail (HSR) are potential contributors to meeting future demand
  - Impact of TIJ dependent on U.S.-Mexican economic conditions; convenience of the border-crossing process; and fare differentials between U.S. and Mexican airlines
  - Impact of HSR depends on integration with the greater transportation network





Notes: Airports with fewer than 1 million annual enplanements are not listed.  
GROWTH = Compound Annual Growth Rate.  
US airports airline market share is based on seat capacity in 2008.  
Tijuana International Airport airline market share is based on seat capacity 2009 to date.  
All airports nonstop destinations are from Quarter 1 2009.  
Income figures are real (1999) dollars.

Sources: Jacobs Consultancy, based on T100, census, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Cross Border Terminal Study, August 2009.

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# Historic Growth in Aviation Demand

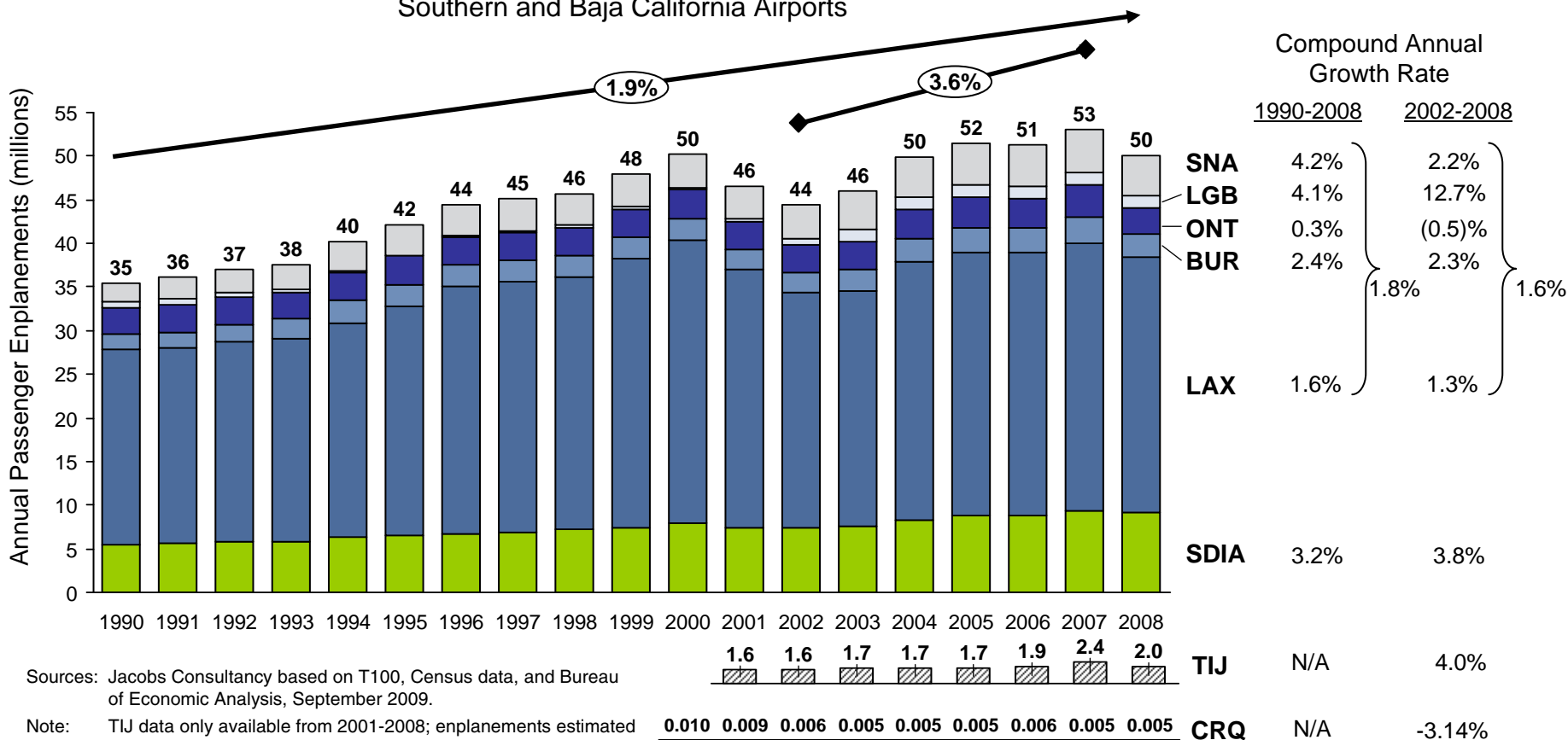
***SDIA Is One of the Faster Growing Airports in the Region***

## LEGEND

SNA = John Wayne/Orange County  
LGB = Long Beach  
ONT = Ontario International  
BUR = Burbank Airport  
LAX = Los Angeles International  
TIJ = Tijuana-Rodriguez International  
CRQ = McClellan-Palomar

## Annual Passenger Enplanements

Southern and Baja California Airports



Sources: Jacobs Consultancy based on T100, Census data, and Bureau of Economic Analysis, September 2009.

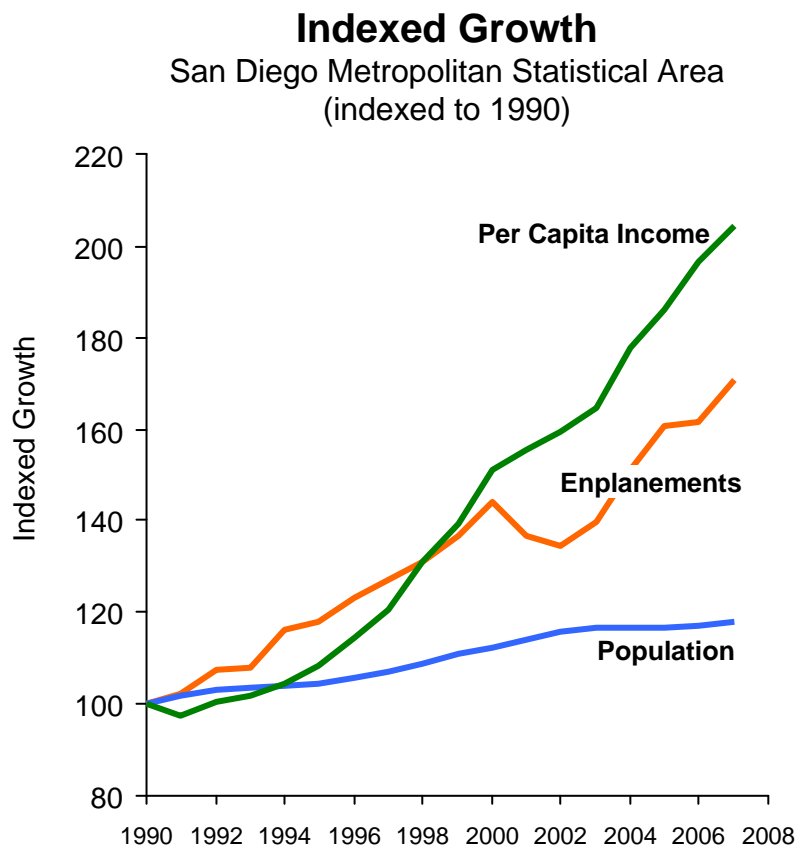
Note: TIJ data only available from 2001-2008; enplanements estimated to be 50% of total passengers.

Three letter airport codes defined on previous slide.



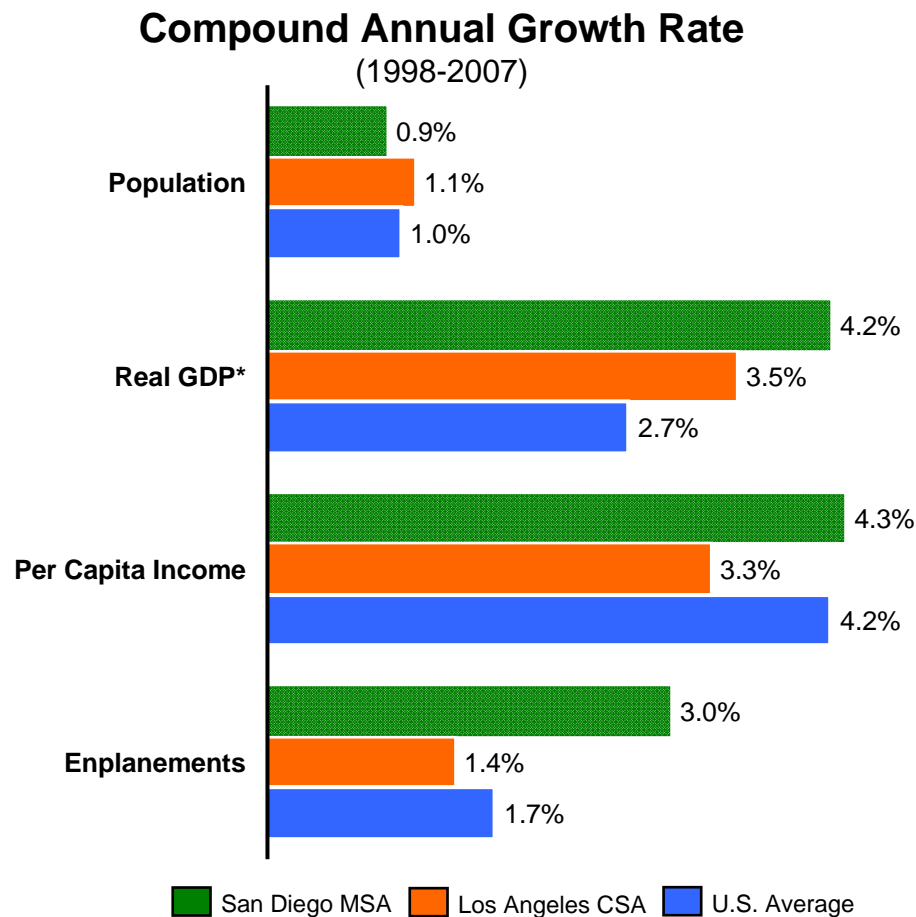
# Regional Aviation Demand Characteristics

***Growth in Per Capita Income Has Driven Enplanements Above Population Growth***



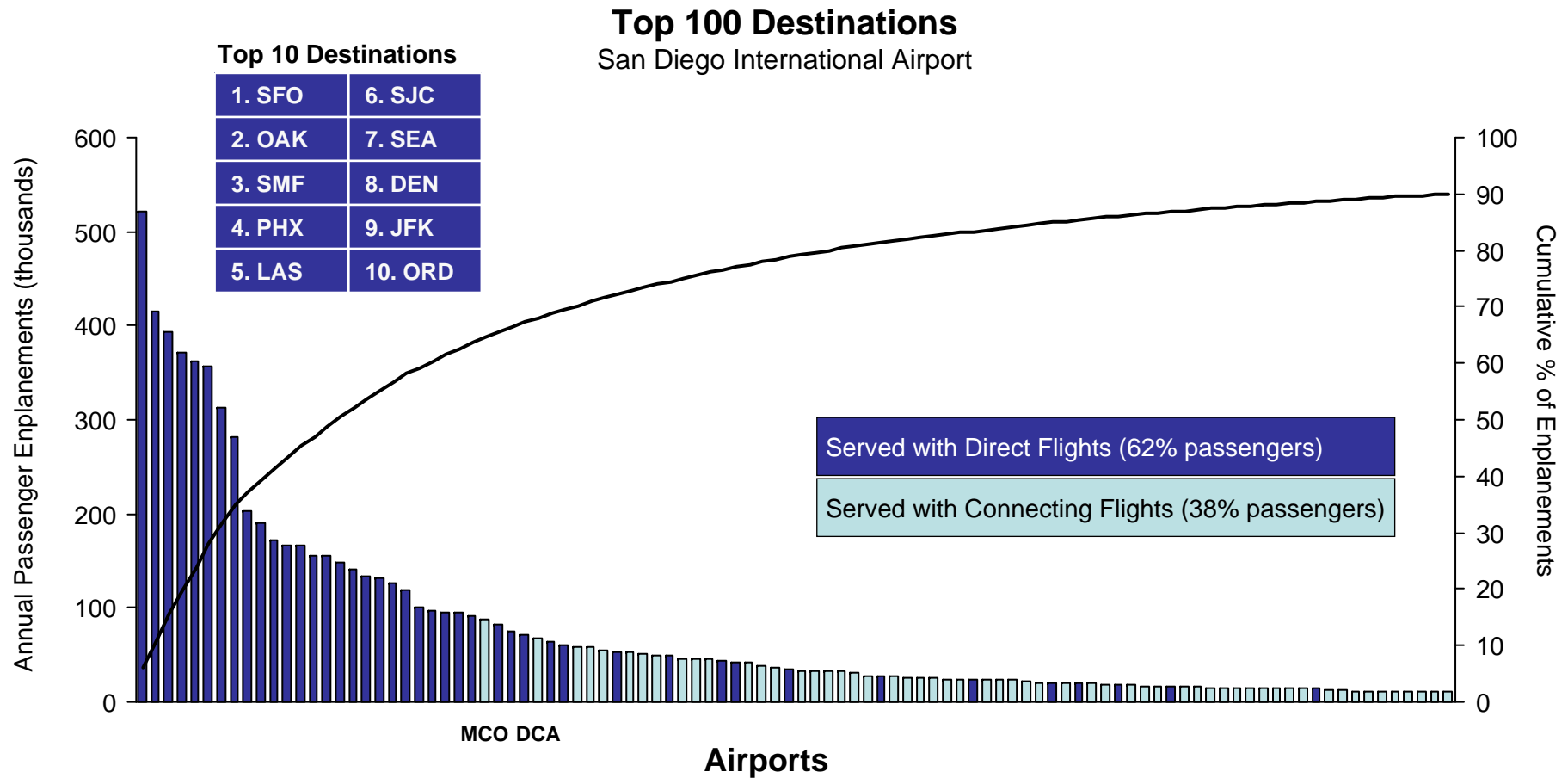
Sources: Jacobs Consultancy based on Landrum & Brown analysis, FAA *Terminal Area Forecast*, Bureau of Economic Analysis, September 2009.

Notes: Real GDP CAGR is for 2001-2006; San Diego MSA aligns with San Diego County boundaries.



# Air Service Background

**Ten Destinations (4 in CA) Account For More Than 40% of SDIA Outbound Traffic**



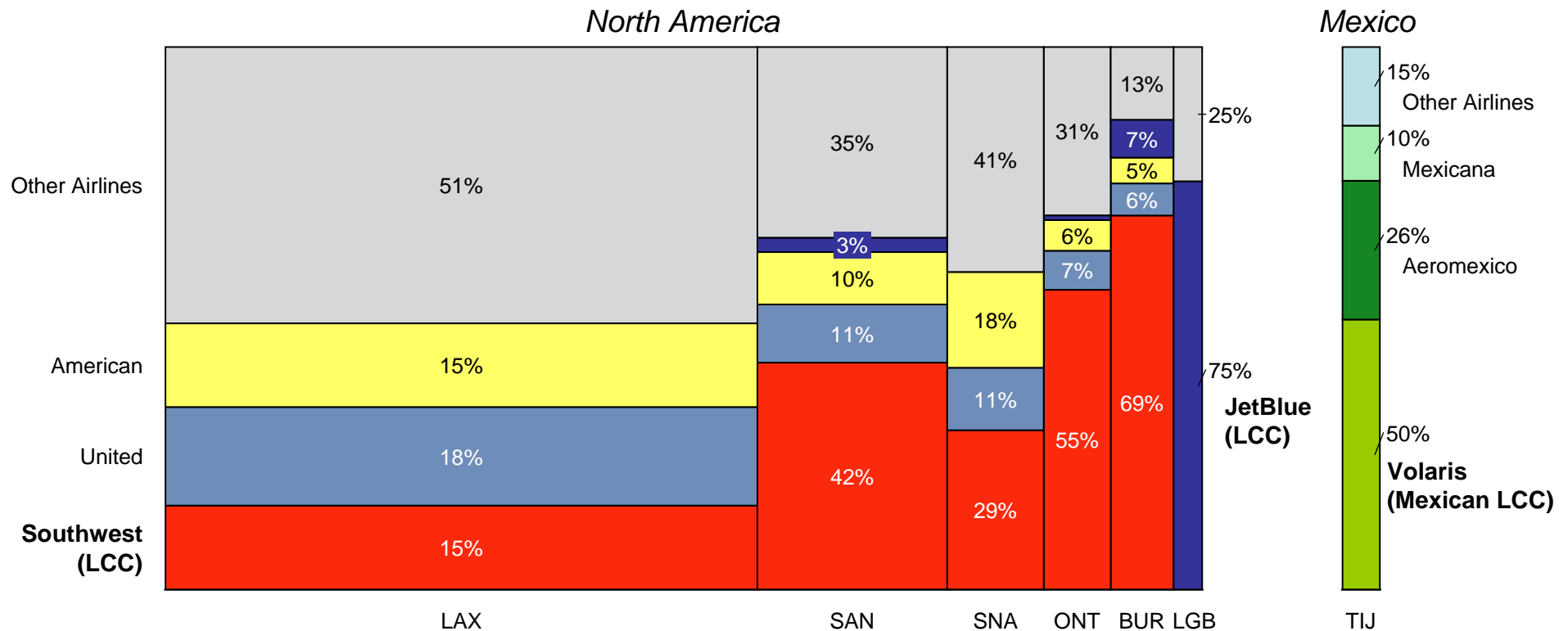
Source: Jacobs Consultancy based on US DOT DB1B, September 2009.



# Impact of Low Cost Carriers

***Low Cost Carriers Dominate the Smaller Airports in the Region, including TIJ***

**Airline Market Shares**  
(Based on Seat Capacity in 2008)



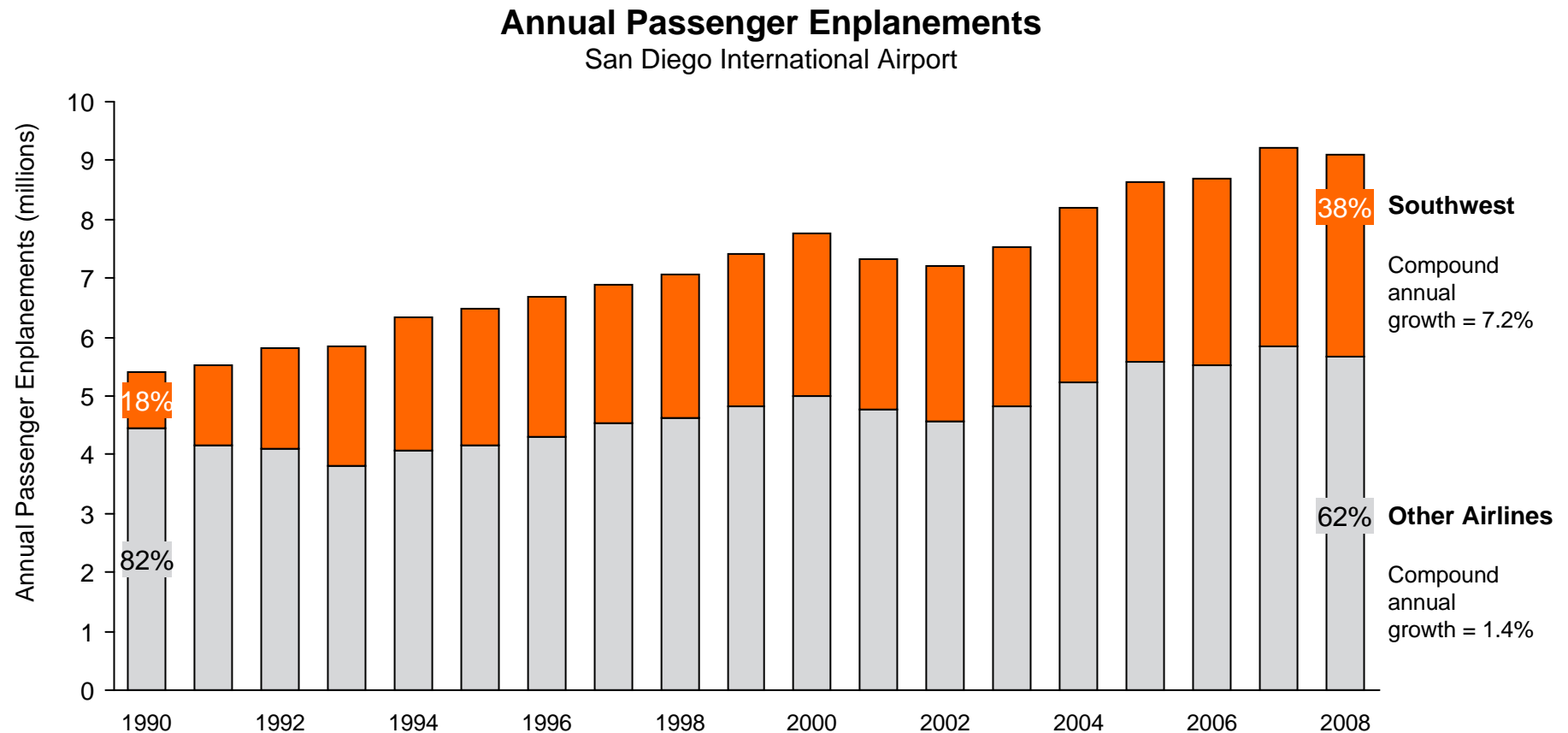
Sources: Jacobs Consultancy based on US DOT DB1B, OAG data, September 2009.

Notes: Column width proportional to total annual seat capacity from that airport; includes international demand.  
LCC = Low Cost Carrier



# Impact of Low Cost Carriers

***Southwest Airlines Has Driven the Majority of Passenger Growth at SDIA Since 1990***



Source: Jacobs Consultancy based on T100, September 2009.

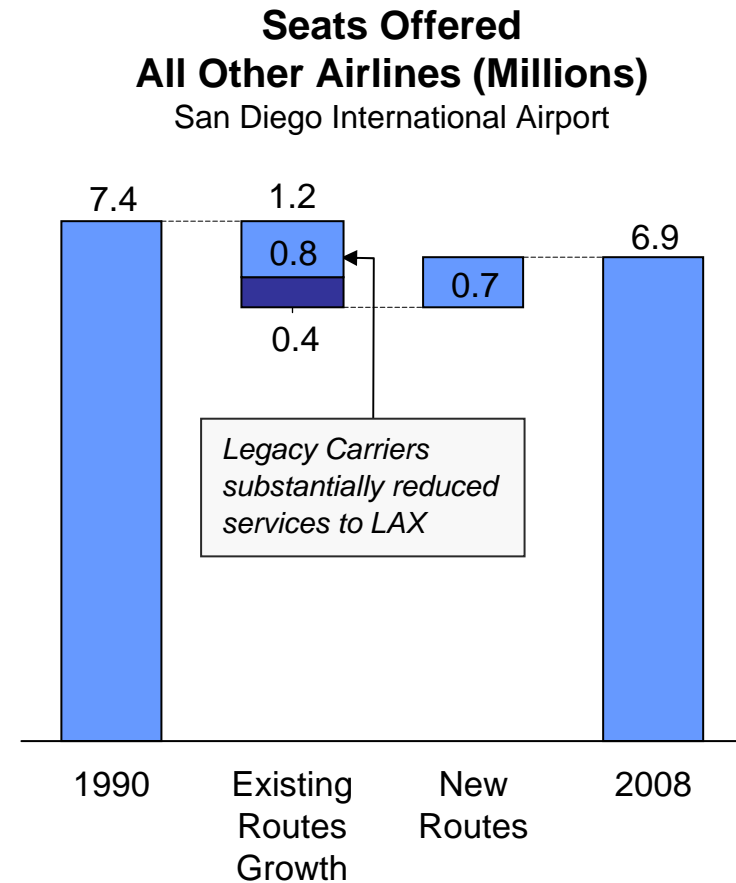
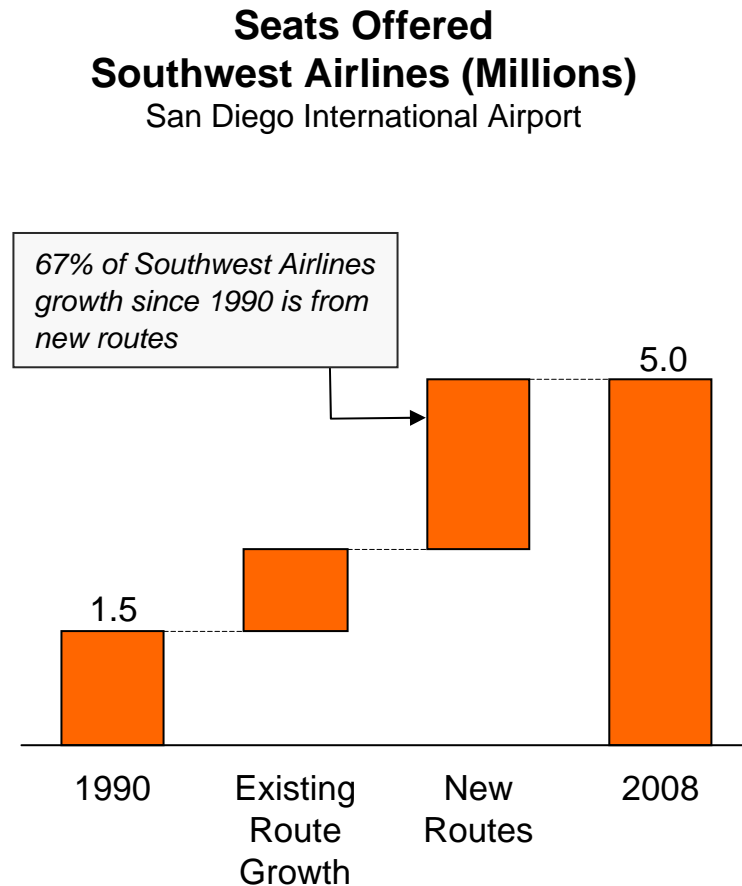
Note: Enplanements from T100 are slightly different from figures provided by SDCRAA.





# Impact of Low Cost Carriers

***At SDIA, Southwest Airlines Has Grown Primarily by Adding New Routes***



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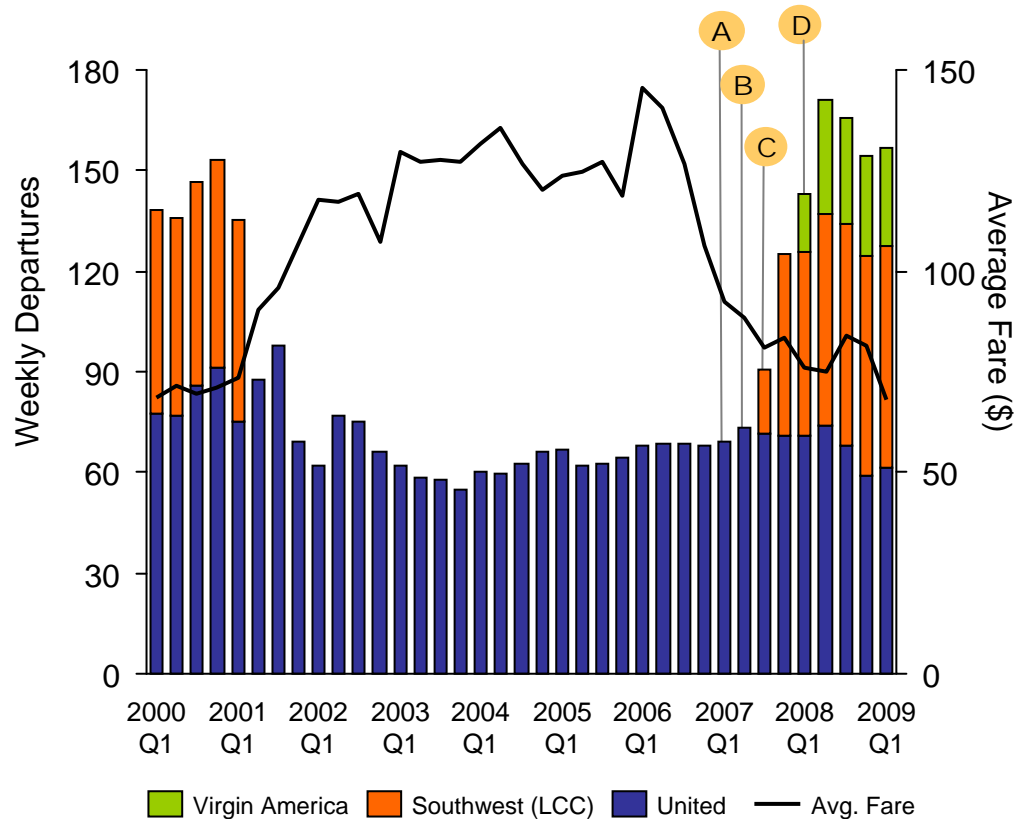




# Impact of Low Cost Carriers

## Southwest Competes Vigorously with Other Airlines

**SFO Route Competition**  
from San Diego International Airport



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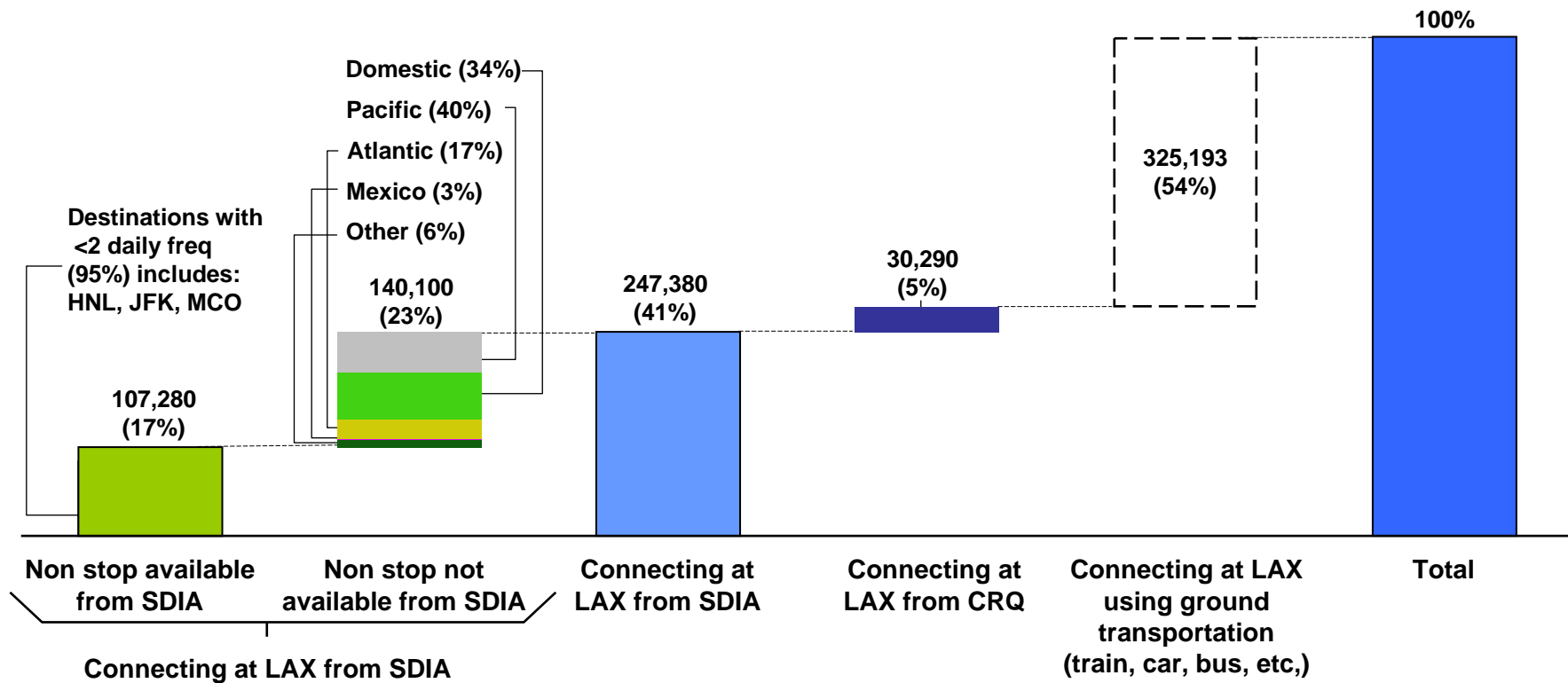
- A** Jan 07 – Virgin America announces SFO hub and plans to enter SAN-SFO market
- B** May 07 – Southwest announces plans to reestablish service at SFO, and plans to reintroduce SAN-SFO
- C** Aug 07 – Southwest launches SAN-SFO service at an introductory one-way fare of \$39
- D** Feb 08 – Virgin America launches SAN-SFO service



# Air Service Background – Los Angeles International Airport

*Many San Diego County Residents Choose to Connect at LAX for Frequency or Destination*

## San Diego County Passengers' Destinations Connecting at LAX

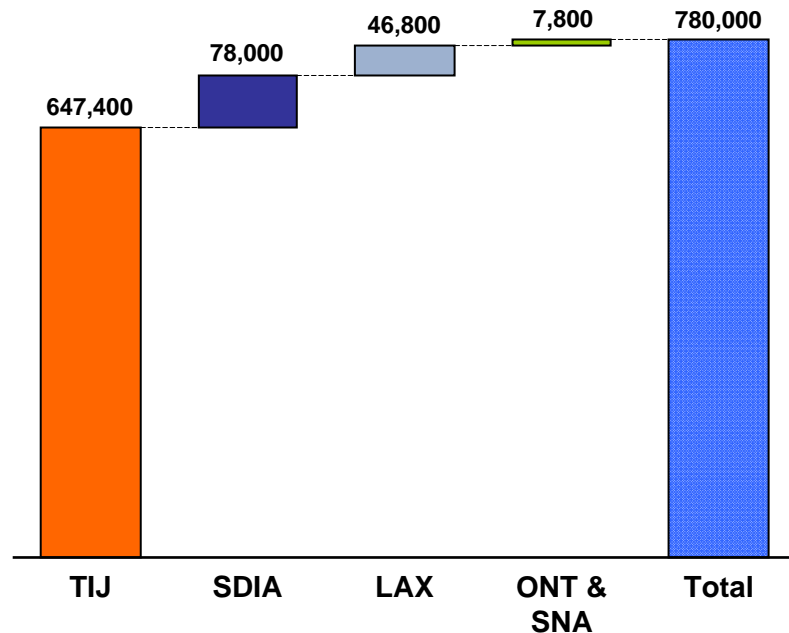


Sources: Jacobs Consultancy, based on US DOT DB1B, LAX Passenger Survey 2006, September 2009.

# Air Service Background – Tijuana Rodriguez International Airport

*The Majority of San Diego County Residents Traveling to Mexico Use Tijuana International*

**Originating Airports for San Diego County Residents Traveling to Mexico (2006)**



**Number of Destinations and Daily Departures to Mexico (2009)**

Airport	Mexican Destinations	Daily Departures
TIJ	21	50
SDIA	1	1-2
LAX	15	31
ONT & SNA	1	1

TIJ also includes non-stop service to Tokyo

Sources: Jacobs Consultancy, based on U.S. DOT DB1B, Cross Border Terminal Study, OAG data, September 2009.

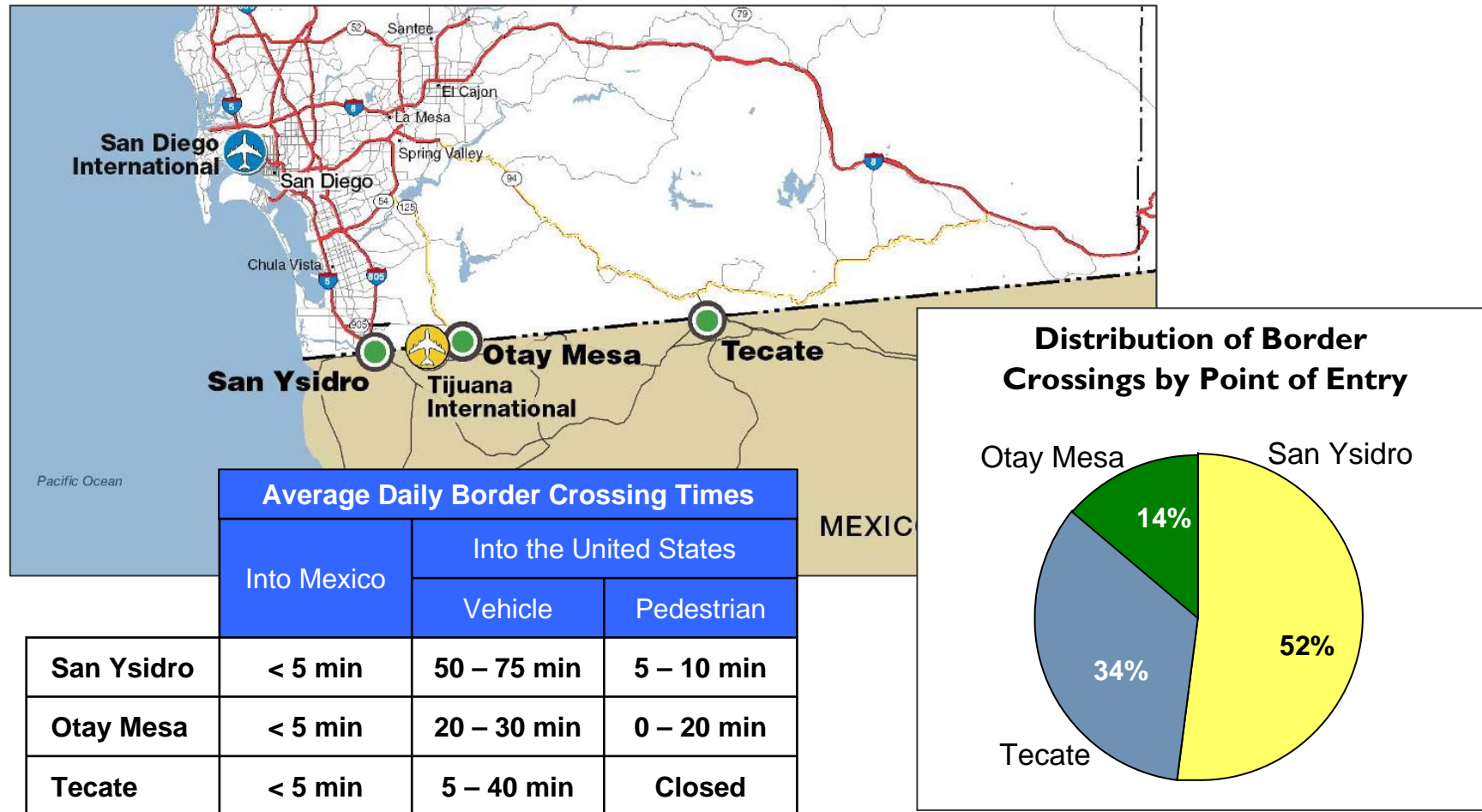
Notes: Air traffic to Mexico from SDIA in 2006 was approximately 78,000 passengers representing 10% of Market Information Data Transfer (MIDT) departure bookings.

Cross Border Terminal Study estimates 475,000 ( $\pm 75,000$ ) TIJ enplanements are San Diego County residents.



# Air Service Background – Tijuana Rodriguez International Airport

*Significant Ground Access Time Is Associated with Using Tijuana International Airport*

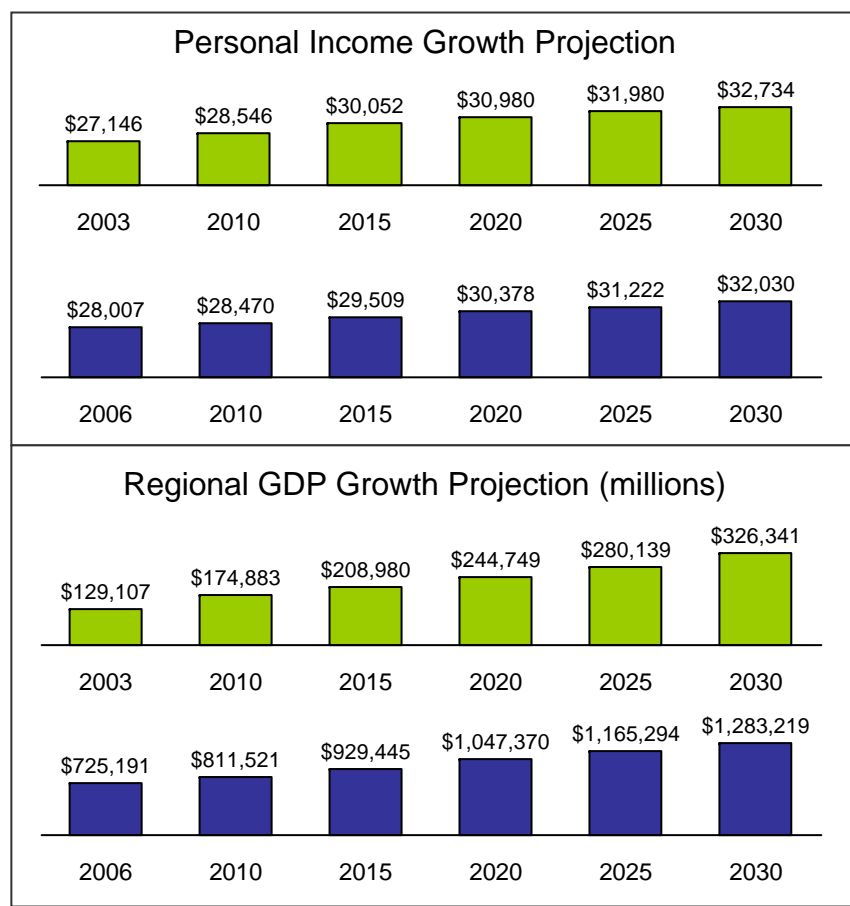


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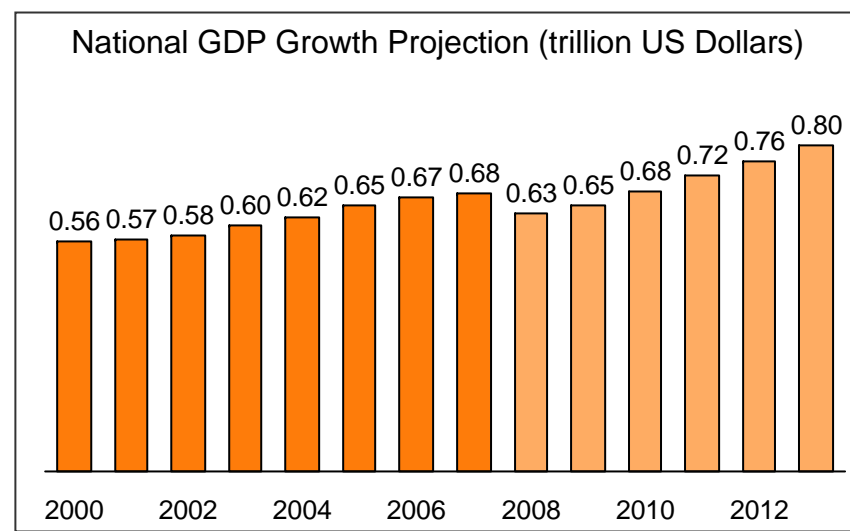
# Demographic and Economic Outlook

## Continued Economic Growth Projected for San Diego, Los Angeles and Mexico

### San Diego / Los Angeles



### Mexico



■ San Diego MSA 
 ■ Los Angeles CSA 
 ■ Mexico

Sources: Jacobs Consultancy, based on SANDAG RTP, SCAG RTP, September 2009.  
 Paramus Post, based on Global Insight, January 2009.

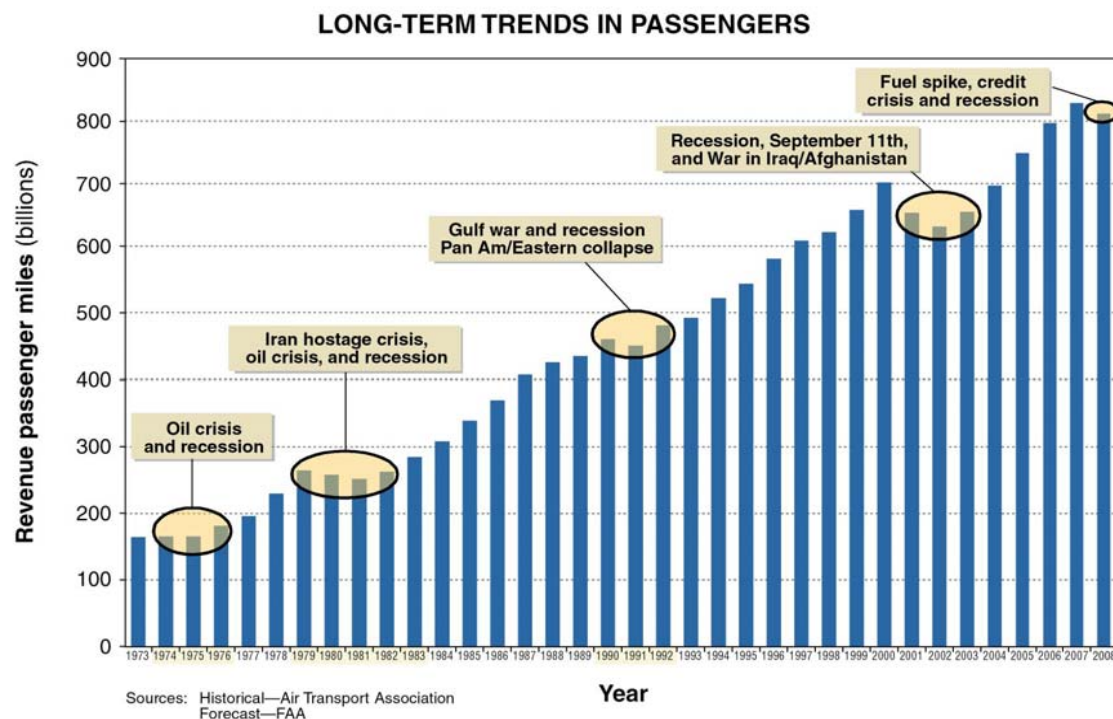
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# Commercial Airline Industry Trends and Outlook

*Demand for Air Travel in the U.S. Correlates Strongly with Fluctuations in the Economy*

- Recessionary periods and external “shocks” cause periodic downturns in aviation growth
- In the post-financial crisis environment, carriers have reduced capacity (10-15%) in an effort to keep fares high; notwithstanding cuts, the industry is projected to lose billions for 2009
- While 2009 third quarter financials improved, passenger growth and yields remain weak; a rebound is projected to be modest at best



# Air Cargo / Corporate GA Outlook and Local Considerations

## *Growth Outlooks Differ for GA and Cargo; Each Prefers to Operate From SDIA*

### ■ General Aviation

- All forecast show declines in piston aircraft but increases in turbojets and helicopters
- Most corporate GA demand is associated with downtown San Diego; SDIA is the ideal geographic location
- Recreational GA dispersed throughout County airports; does not negatively impact capacity
- Forecast flight training exceeds Gillespie Field airfield capacity

### ■ Air Cargo

- Air cargo volumes down 20% since 2008; recovery likely to be slow
- Majority of cargo at SDIA is accommodated on integrated / express carriers (90%) and originates or is destined for downtown San Diego; SDIA is the ideal geographic location
- Integrated carriers employ a vast distribution networks requiring a centralized airport location
- No County airports north of SDIA can accommodate air cargo aircraft; carriers unwilling to operate from facilities south of SDIA since increases delivery times to the demand base





# Previous Estimates of Regional Aviation Capacity

***Aviation Capacity Will Be an Issue in San Diego During the Planning Horizon***

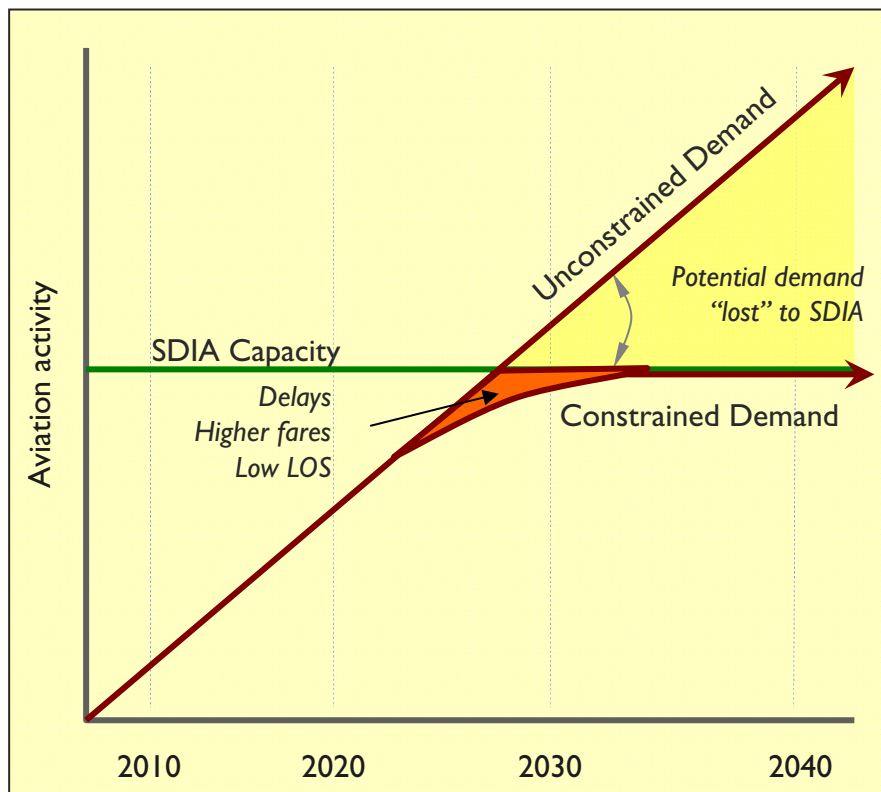
Study	Year	Key Capacity Findings
Destination Lindbergh	2008	SDIA's airfield will reach capacity between 2020 and 2025 likely resulting in airline market responses, including schedule changes, up-gauging to slightly larger aircraft, etc.
SAN PLAN: Southern California Airport Capacity	2008	LAX will reach its policy constrained limit of 78M annual passengers as early as 2015 Orange County (SNA) and Long Beach (LGB) have reached legal constraints Burbank (BUR) may reach its capacity as early as 2025 SDIA could experience severe congestion by 2020
FAA: Capacity Needs in the National Airspace System	2007	SDIA and the San Diego metropolitan area would need additional aviation capacity by 2025 FAA's determination included NextGen improvements and planned improvements by the authority at that time FAA recommended the type of multi-modal planning that is integral to RASP
San Diego International Airport Aviation Activity Forecasts	2004	SDIA runway capacity will constrain growth between 2015 - 2022 SDIA runway congestion will not allow further growth 2021 - 2030 Without new investments, SDIA may experience a cumulative loss of between 5 – 30M passengers over the forecasted period





# Definition of the Base Case

## *RASP Baseline Will Consider the Outcomes of Capacity Constraints*



- RASP Base Case – “Do nothing” alternative upon which benefits and impacts of other scenarios will be compared against
- Base Case will consider:
  - “Approved” and funded improvements
  - Reasonably foreseeable market-driven reactions to address demand
  - Capacity constraints at LA region airports
- Base Case *will not* include construction of major new facilities, policy options, or artificial constraints on demand

# Definition of the Base Case

## *SDIA Capacity Constraints Will Result in Multiple “Reactions” Between 2025 and 2030*

- A** Accommodation of some San Diego demand at LA region airports
- B** Accommodation of some regional demand at Tijuana International Airport
- C** Increased, but limited commercial service at McClellan-Palomar; continued turboprop service (around 30 seats) due to runway length
- D** Federally-mandated slot controls at SDIA result in higher fares, some up-gauging, and higher load factors
- E** Some international wide-body flights at SDIA due to LAX capacity constraints and increasing drive times to LA region



# Definition of the Base Case

## *Current SDIA Policies and Planned Near-term Improvements Will Be Incorporated*

- Continued accommodation of existing user groups (commercial, cargo, corporate GA), and prohibition on departures at night
- Airfield constraint “caps” activity near 2030 or around 28M passengers
- T-2 West 10 gate addition in 2013
- Destination Lindbergh recommendations for “Opening Day”
  - North Side Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) sized to accommodate 400-600K annual transit passengers
  - Linkage to trolleys (Blue and Orange lines), Coaster/Amtrak, and MTS
  - Consolidated rental car facility
  - Dedicated on-airport roadway for busses connecting ITC and south side terminals
  - 2015 transit ridership goals 6% per SANDAG assumptions
- Surface improvements per SANDAG’s RTP – “Revenue Constrained Scenario”





**AIRPORT AND OPERATOR**

San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

City of Oceanside

City of San Diego

County of San Diego

Military

Grupo Aeroportuario del Pacifico

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT**

Future road improvement

Addition to existing road

New road construction

New toll road construction

Rail improvement

County boundary

International boundary

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Graphic scale in miles

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
2010 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

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Note: All improvements reflect the Revenue Constrained Scenario.  
Source: SANDAG, 2030 San Diego Regional Transportation Plan, November 2007.

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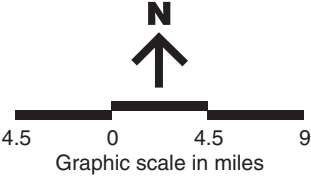
AIRPORT AND OPERATOR

- San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
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- City of San Diego
- County of San Diego
- Military
- Grupo Aeroportuario del Pacifico
- Los Angeles area airports (multiple operators)

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT

- Future road improvement
- Addition to existing road
- New road construction
- New toll road construction
- Interchange improvement
- Rail improvement

- County boundary
- International boundary



Note: All improvements within San Diego County reflect the Revenue Constrained Scenario.

Sources: SANDAG, 2030 San Diego Regional Transportation Plan, November 2007, and Southern California Association of Governments, 2008 Regional Transportation Plan.

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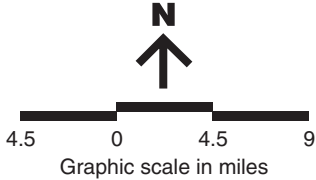
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# Many Complicated Factors Constrain Implementation of Alternatives

## Forces Requiring Preparation of the RASP



## RASP Alternative Scenarios

## Factors Working Against Regional Airport System Solutions

### Regulatory Factors

No single controlling entity to implement solutions  
No regulatory mechanisms to relocate activity segments

### Political Factors

NIMBY  
Pre-conceived notions regarding effectiveness (or lack) of solutions  
Consensus among stakeholders is difficult

### Technical Factors

Lack of appropriate existing facilities  
Regional demand characteristics  
Benefit-cost considerations of major capital improvements



# Summary of Alternatives

## *Four Families of Scenarios for Subcommittee Consideration and Input*

1. Commercial Passenger Optimization
2. Tijuana Enhancements
3. California High Speed Rail
4. Air Cargo and GA Optimization





## Next Steps

1. **Compile and assess all input – then finalize Scenarios for detailed consideration and modeling (December - February 2010)**
2. **Prepare costs estimates, implementation phasing strategies, and other factors related to each Scenario (January 2010)**
3. **Utilize the regional demand model to assess impacts on regional demand and benefits (February 2010)**
4. **Prepare preliminary findings for March 2010 Subcommittee meeting**

