For more than 80 years, San Diego International Airport (SAN) has served the air transportation needs of the San Diego region. To maximize the airport’s efficiency and make the most of the airport’s 661-acre footprint, SAN has completed a series of improvements on the north side of the airport.

Overview
North side development projects include:

- **Receiving and Distribution Center** – completed in November 2012, the receiving and distribution center is a 21,000 square-foot central delivery location for food, beverage, retail and other goods. The center helps reduce traffic on surrounding roadways by centralizing all truck deliveries. Airport vehicles are then used to deliver materials via on-airport roadways. This eliminates 50-75 truck trips on North Harbor Drive each day.

- **Fixed-Base Operator (FBO) Complex** – features a 19,000-square-foot terminal, a 250,000-square-foot ramp and five hangars on 12.4 acres. Its amenities include office space, a snooze room, VIP lounge, fitness center, viewing deck, gourmet café, and an executive conference room. Landmark began operating out of the new facility in August 2014.

- **Rental Car Center** – a facility to house many of the rental car companies serving SAN in a single building. The facility dramatically reduces rental car traffic on North Harbor Drive and the number of shuttle buses circulating around the airport.

- **Roadway Improvements** – several projects that have improved traffic and access to the north side of the airport. These include expansion of the Washington Street entrance roadway at Pacific Highway; widening of Sassafras Street north of Pacific Highway; and a new terminal link roadway for rental car and parking shuttle buses, which removes traffic from Laurel Street and North Harbor Drive.
Environmentally Responsible

Environmental sustainability is a top priority at SAN. It was one of the first major airports in the U.S. to implement a sustainability policy. Development on the north side further supported SAN's sustainability efforts. In 2014, the Airport Authority earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification for the terminal portion of The Green Build from the U.S. Green Building Council. This award makes SAN home to the first LEED Platinum certified commercial airport terminal in the world. In fact, all new construction at SAN is being designed to achieve LEED certification, with “green” design principles such as use of alternative energy sources, recycled materials and renewable resources, and decreasing water usage and energy consumption. The new Rental Car Center is photovoltaic-enabled with potential for future solar panel installation.

Funding

North side development was funded through a variety of means. Construction of the receiving and distribution center and fixed-base operator complex was funded by third-party developers. This was the first time in the Airport Authority's history that its financial team sought to utilize third-party developers for construction of airport facilities. By applying the third-party developer concept, the Airport Authority is able to acquire essential facilities without using its bonding capacity.

The design and construction of the Rental Car Center was funded by customer facility charges. This means that the customers who use the facility, (i.e., rental car companies) fund it through charges such as rent and/or a fee that is added to rental charges, collected by rental car companies and remitted back to the Airport Authority. The cost for the Rental Car Center was $316 million.

Cost for the north side roadway improvements is approximately $20.1 million. No local tax dollars are used to fund airport construction projects. Projects are funded by user fees, airport revenue bonds, airport cash and FAA grants, or by using third-party developers as described above. The total cost of all north side development projects is $471 million.

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