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REPORT NO. 00-258

ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Docket of November 27, 2000

SUBJECT: Follow-up to Special Workshop Regarding Regional Air Transportation
Capacity Needs on October 10, 2000.

REFERENCE: Regional Air Transportation Capacity Workshop Memorandum dated
October 2, 2000

SUMMARY

Issues - Should the City Council adopt a resolution limiting the future consideration of potential airport sites to North Island, Miramar East, Camp Pendleton, and Tijuana International Airport; and, requesting that the City Manager return to the City Council with a detailed work program and fiscal impact for analyzing these four sites after the January 2001 Joint Airports Advisory Committee meeting; and requesting that the San Diego Unified Port District proceed to complete the Lindbergh Field Master Plan and immediately analyze all alternatives thoroughly.

Manager's Recommendation - Adopt a resolution limiting the future consideration of potential airport sites to North Island, Miramar East, Camp Pendleton, and Tijuana International Airport; and, requesting that the City Manager return to the City Council with a detailed work program and fiscal impact for analyzing these four sites after the January 2001 Joint Airports Advisory Committee meeting; and requesting that the San Diego Unified Port District proceed to complete the Lindbergh Field Master Plan and immediately analyze all alternatives thoroughly.

Other Recommendations - None

Fiscal Impact - None with this action.

BACKGROUND

On October 12, 2000, the City Council held a special workshop to discuss regional air transportation capacity needs by considering updated information on potential airport sites that were considered over the last 10 years. The workshop focused on ten sites that were considered most viable in the related SANDAG reports as either a replacement for Lindbergh Field or as a companion airport to Lindbergh Field.

At the conclusion of the workshop, the City Council made the following directives:

1. The City Council directed the City Manager to evaluate only North Island, Miramar East, and Camp Pendleton as possible airport sites to serve as a replacement of or companion to Lindbergh Field. The evaluation of these three sites should consider both joint use with the Military and civilian-only use.

2. The City Manager was directed to examine how to maximize the use of other regional facilities, including Tijuana International Airport (Rodriguez Field). This evaluation should consider future expansion plans for Tijuana International Airport and the possibility of a transborder terminal facility in Otay Mesa that would serve passengers using Tijuana International Airport.
3. The City Manager and City Attorney were directed to return to the City Council with a resolution for adoption that reflects the Council's concerns regarding delays with the Port District's processing of the Lindbergh Field Master Plan and the analysis of all alternatives.

DISCUSSION

Since the October 10 workshop, City staff have been in contact with SANDAG, the Military, and other organizations and individuals regarding various components of the City Council's direction. The meeting of the Joint Airports Advisory Committee (consisting of SANDAG and the Port District) to consider the Airport Economic Analysis Report and regional strategy has been postponed to January 2001 for increased public outreach (see attachment 1). The results of this meeting will play a crucial role in the work program for City staff for completing all components of the City Council's direction.

The following is a summary of how each of the three components of the City Council's direction will be addressed by City staff:

1. The City will recommend to the Joint Airports Advisory Committee, for its January 2001 meeting, that the North Island, Miramar East and Camp Pendleton sites be included in any regional strategy to address air transportation capacity that is considered. SANDAG has agreed to include this in their report for the January meeting. After the January 2001 Joint Airports Advisory Committee meeting, City staff will return to City Council with a work program and fiscal impact for fully analyzing the three potential airport sites identified by the City Council for consideration. The analysis will include land availability and constraints, airspace conflicts, noise issues, environmental issues, transportation and access, and jurisdictional issues. The actual work program for City staff will depend on the level of analysis to be provided by SANDAG, should the Committee accept the City's recommendation and include these sites for consideration.
2. The City's recommendation to the Joint Airport Advisory Committee will also include that Tijuana International Airport (and any proposed expansion) be included in the regional strategy. City staff analysis will be conducted on the future expansion plans for Tijuana International Airport and how this could affect regional air transportation capacity. This analysis will also include a potential transborder terminal in Otay Mesa that may or may not be a part of the Tijuana International Airport expansion. A presentation on the proposed expansion plans will be provided at the November 27 City Council meeting. City staff has begun the process of amending the Otay Mesa Community Plan to add a general policy statement regarding a transborder airport terminal.
3. A draft resolution has been prepared for City Council consideration that requests that the Port District proceed to complete the Lindbergh Field Master Plan and immediately

analyze all alternatives thoroughly . If approved, this resolution will be forwarded to the Port District.

CONCLUSION

City staff will continue to work with SANDAG on regional airport strategies and with the Port District on the Lindbergh Field Master Plan. Regardless of the action taken by the Joint Airport Advisory Committee in January, City staff will proceed with its analysis of the three identified sites plus the Tijuana International Airport. The results of this analysis will be presented to the City Council at a future date.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: October 24, 2000 Letter from SANDAG

Note: The attachment is not available in electronic format. A copy of the attachment is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk.