



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Ralph G. Tonseth

**SUBJECT: CENTRAL TERMINAL AND
NORTH CONCOURSE CONCEPT
DESIGN**

DATE: 01-20-04

Approved

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Council District: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION

Accept staff presentation on conceptual design progress for the Central Terminal building and North Concourse building at the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport.

BACKGROUND

The Airport Master Plan for Mineta San José International Airport, adopted by the City Council in June 1997, serves as a long-term guide to airport development and includes a program of facility improvements to adequately accommodate commercial aviation demand by the year 2010. As originally adopted, the Master Plan identified several major development projects for the terminal area, including a new Terminal B and a remodeled/expanded Terminal C, each with a new public parking garage fronting it, and a rental car garage on the site of the current rental car surface lot. In December 1999, Council adopted an "Airport Traffic Relief Act" Ordinance that required implementation of several specified ground transportation improvements be within two years of completion prior to any expansion of terminal facilities.

In November 2001, based upon conceptual design planning and extensive public outreach for terminal area and associated transportation access facilities, Council approved a "Minor Amendment" to the Airport Master Plan to modify the terminal area development program. Most notably, the modifications replaced the proposal for three separate terminal buildings (A, B, & C) with one "Central Terminal," changed the location of parking garages, and incorporated specific transportation access improvements.

In March 2003, San José voters approved the Airport Security and Traffic Relief Act (ASTRA) which modified the provisions of the 1999 Airport Traffic Relief Act Ordinance in order to allow the City to comply with new federal requirements for airport security in a cost-effective manner through acceleration of the Central Terminal project. Design and public outreach has since focused on the first phase of the Central Terminal called the "North Concourse," a building that

will link existing Terminals A and C and house new or relocated ticketing, security screening, baggage handling, and holdroom and airline gate facilities.

In October 2003 staff presented the design process that is being used to complete the planning and design of the Central Terminal building, as well as the North Concourse building. This process centers on defining the experience the facility should provide to typical users of the Airport. These user experiences define the goals and objectives for the facility, which are further detailed in a set of instructions to the designers called the Design Manual. Airport staff continues to meet with various stakeholder groups to test the concepts defined in the Design Manual.

PROCESS

Progress in the conceptual design has moved to consideration of various design alternatives that satisfy the design directives, are responsive to feedback from the stakeholder groups, and take into consideration phasing and constructability issues. Staff will present an overview of design progress to date with a focus on the planning of the North Concourse at the City Council meeting on February 3rd. The intent of the presentation is to provide a snapshot of the direction the design is going and of the architectural concepts under consideration. These alternatives are also being tested with the stakeholder groups. Feedback from the Council, as well as the stakeholder groups, will lead to a conceptual design to be presented to Council in mid-March.

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Not a project.

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