



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Ralph Tonseth
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SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 1/7/04

Approved

Date

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE AIRPORT TRAFFIC AND TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN PART 4 OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution finding that the Airport traffic and transit improvement conditions set forth in Part 4 of Chapter 25 of the San Jose Municipal Code have been met and that the City may therefore commence construction of a new Central Terminal facility and expand the number of air carrier gates at the Airport beyond the existing thirty-one (31) gates, as provided in the Airport Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Airport Master Plan for Mineta San Jose International Airport, adopted by the City Council in June 1997, consists of a program of facility improvements to adequately accommodate projected commercial aviation demand by the year 2010. In December 1999, the City Council adopted an ordinance, referred to as the "Airport Traffic Relief Act (ATRA)", which conditioned the construction of a new terminal building, or any addition of gates in existing terminals, to a determination by the Council that the following set of ground transportation projects (explicitly identified in Section 25.04.410 of the Municipal Code) were within two years of completion and all funding had been identified and approved by the funding agency:

1. Completion of the Route 87 Freeway between I-280 and U.S. 101.
2. A rail or fixed guideway transit connection between the Airport and VTA light rail system.
3. Adding a 3rd southbound lane on Coleman Avenue at the I-880/Coleman Ave. interchange.
4. Capacity improvements at the Airport Blvd./Skyport Drive and Airport Blvd./Airport

Parkway intersections to achieve a peak hour Level of Service “D”, and at the Airport Blvd./Coleman Ave. intersection to achieve a peak hour Level of Service “E”.

The ordinance also provided that any changes to these ATRA provisions required voter approval.

On March 4, 2003, San Jose voters approved a ballot measure that amended the ATRA provisions of the Municipal Code in order to expedite and integrate new federal airport security requirements with the terminal facility improvements called for in the Airport Master Plan. Referred to as the “Airport Security and Traffic Relief Act (ASTRA)”, the amended ordinance states that, prior to any terminal development or gate expansion beyond the existing thirty-one (31) gates, the designated roadway improvements (items #1, 3, & 4 above) must be determined by the Council to be within three years of completion (rather than two years) and that the funding source for a rail or fixed guideway transit connection (item #2 above) between the Airport and either the VTA light rail system or future Santa Clara BART station must be identified (rather than completion of construction of a link to the light rail system within two years).

ANALYSIS

As summarized in the following table, and described in more detail in the attached report, staff recommends that Council find that all of the ASTRA transportation requirements have been met.

ASTRA Component	Compliance Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route 87 Freeway 	Construction underway since 1997. Completion of mainline freeway planned in early 2004 and completion of interchanges planned in mid 2005. Fully funded.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Southbound Lane on Coleman Ave. at I-880/ Coleman interchange • Airport Blvd./Coleman Ave. improvement to LOS “E” 	Part of VTA’s upgraded I-880/Coleman Ave. interchange project. Construction to be awarded in January 2004. Completion planned in Summer 2006. Upon VTA award of construction of the interchange improvements and CTC approval for the sale of the GARVEE bonds to fund this project, this project will be within three years of completion and all funding will have been identified.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport Blvd./Skyport Dr. improvement to LOS “D” 	Intersection improved since 2002 through elimination of southbound Airport Blvd. traffic, removal of traffic signal, and construction of grade separation currently underway. Completion planned in Spring 2004. Fully funded.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport Blvd./Airport Pkwy. improvement to LOS “D” 	Intersection improved since 2002 through elimination of southbound Airport Blvd. traffic, removal of traffic signal, and forthcoming lane restriping. Completion planned during 2005. Fully funded.

ASTRA Component	Compliance Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding for Rail or Fixed Guideway Connection between Airport and Light Rail or BART	Included in the Santa Clara County Measure A sales tax-funded transportation program approved by voters in 2000. Measure goes into effect in 2006.

Council approval of this recommended finding is a critical prerequisite to implementation of the Airport Master Plan's Central Terminal project. Construction of the first phase of terminal development, the "North Concourse" facility to connect existing Terminals A & C and house new federally-mandated security systems, is anticipated to begin in early 2004.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Not applicable.

COORDINATION

The proposed finding has been coordinated with the Public Works Department and City Attorney's Office. The City has also worked closely with VTA and Caltrans on the ASTRA projects which those agencies have lead responsibility for implementation.

CEQA

Resolution No. 67380 and 71451, PP 04-01-002.

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Attachment

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