



City of San Antonio

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DEPARTMENT: Aviation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the Status of the Strategic Development Plan for the San Antonio International Airport

SUMMARY:

This item provides a briefing on the Strategic Development Plan for the San Antonio International Airport, including recommendations to guide the future development of the airfield, terminal facilities and supporting infrastructure over the next 20 years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

To ensure the Airport System is poised to accommodate the long-term growth of the region, the City of San Antonio took the opportunity to initiate a data-driven Strategic Development Plan (SDP) which will produce a 20-year Master Plan for the San Antonio International Airport. The strategic development planning process ultimately will produce development options regarding land use, facilities, and services required for the airport to accommodate the projected population growth and prosperity of the San Antonio region.

Since the initiation of the development of the SDP, the Airport System Development Committee

(ASDC), which was appointed by Mayor Ron Nirenberg in January 2018 and is comprised of San Antonio business and community leaders, has guided the process to the final recommendations included in the Strategic Development Plan. In October 2021, the 20-member ASDC endorsed the SDP recommendations and recommended consideration by the full City Council.

The Aviation Department first briefed the City Council on the SDP at the October 31, 2018 B Session, which proved that the current location of the Airport could handle the anticipated air travel and infrastructure needs of the community over the next 20 to 50 years. City Council agreed with the recommendation and approved moving forward with the second phase of the SDP to identify, analyze and ultimately recommend to Council the projects and timeline to meet the future air traffic needs of the community.

In February 2020, the Transportation and Mobility Council Committee was briefed on Phase 2 of the SDP, which includes the development of the airfield alternatives and the anticipated timeline for the completion of the SDP. While the COVID pandemic impacted and extended the timeline of the development of the SDP, staff and the consultants were able to continue technical work for the SDP.

On December 9, 2020, the Aviation Director presented to City Council a second B Session update on the SDP, which included the preferred airfield alternative. This alternative will enhance airfield safety; enable service to farther international destinations; and, accommodate long-term projected growth.

At the March 3, 2021 B Session, the Aviation Director briefed the City Council for the third time on the alternatives under consideration for expanded terminal facilities and transportation options. Subsequently, at the March 17, 2021 B Session, the Aviation Director briefed the City Council on the proposed Design Standards, a separate but parallel effort intended to establish a sense of place and create a unified look and feel for all future facility enhancements.

ISSUE:

This briefing will provide City Council with the final recommendations of the SDP to address the long-term projected growth of our region. These recommendations have incorporated input from more than 70,000 direct engagements with residents and stakeholders and been presented throughout the community, including two public meetings that took place on October 19, 2021 and October 21, 2021. Following this briefing, and with additional input from the City Council, the Department will bring forward the final program to City Council in November 2021 for approval prior to its submittal to the Federal Aviation Administration.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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