



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Aviation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Jesus H. Saenz Jr.

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

San Antonio Airport System Update

**SUMMARY:**

Staff will present an update on the implementation of the Strategic Development Plan for the San Antonio International Airport, which was approved by City Council on November 18, 2021. This briefing will include information on the FY 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant submittals and upcoming solicitations to support the Terminal Development Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On November 18, 2021, City Council approved the Strategic Development Plan (SDP), a Master Planning process required by the Federal Aviation Administration to take place every eight to 10 years. This process is a comprehensive, long-range study of every physical aspect of an airport to ensure it meets projected demand and serves its designated role within the national airport system. The SDP for the San Antonio International Airport identified airfield, terminal, roadway and supporting infrastructure improvements, including:

- Enhancing safety in all areas
- Accommodating non-stop flights to farther international destinations and optimizing the capacity of existing runways

- Increasing aircraft gates for increased number of flights
- Providing an enhanced passenger experience through facilities able to handle increased passenger growth in the terminal facilities, parking and reduced vehicular congestion
- Ensuring a sense of place
- Incorporating technology and innovation

The same month, on November 15, 2021, the President signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) which included two Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs for which the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) is eligible and will help initiate enabling programs to support the Terminal Development Program. The City will submit grants for each eligibility year through Fiscal Year 2026 to support the TDP.

#### **ISSUE:**

The B Session briefing will provide City Council with the major components included in the upcoming Terminal Development Program, which is targeting completion by the end of second quarter of 2028 and includes:

- First phase of Terminal C
- Terminal roadway realignment
- Consolidated concessions receiving and distribution facility
- Ground Transportation Center and parking garage
- Terminal support facilities
- Relocation of employee parking
- RON aircraft parking

The briefing will provide an overview of the major solicitations associated with initiating the Terminal Development Plan, including a post-solicitation briefing on the Airport Terminal Planning contract, which is anticipated to go to City Council in June 2022 for award, and pre-solicitation briefings on high profile solicitations. The San Antonio Airport System plans to brief the City Council on the status of these solicitations on a quarterly basis. The quarterly briefings will provide the full City Council with the key components of the solicitations and ensure the solicitations remain on schedule.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

This briefing is for informational purposes only.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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