

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Kevin C. Dolliole, Aviation Director

**THROUGH:** Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

**COPIES:** Christopher J. Brady, Office of Management and Budget, Finance, Public Works, File

**SUBJECT:** Memorandum of Understanding for the Environmental Impact Statement at San Antonio International Airport

**DATE:** December 12, 2002

**SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION**

This proposed ordinance authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the City of San Antonio for the management of the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) required for planned airfield improvements at San Antonio International Airport. The purpose of the MOU is to identify the responsibilities between the FAA and the City and is the first step in implementing the proposed airfield improvements. Completion of the EIS is a pre-requisite for implementing any airfield improvements associated with capacity enhancements such as those planned for International Airport.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City has in its Five Year Capital Program, certain airfield improvement projects, which are required in order to increase airfield capacity. These projects include the extension of Runway 3/21, the reconstruction of Runway 12L/30R to air carrier standards and the construction of taxiways supporting these runway improvements.

In order to implement any capacity enhancement projects such as these, it is necessary to conduct an EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). Major elements of an EIS include evaluation of the proposed projects as they may impact noise, air and water quality, historic and cultural resources, endangered species, wetlands, energy and natural resources and light emissions.

The CEQ requires that the FAA assume a prominent role in the EIS process. The current FAA policy requires that they assume the role of lead agency in the preparation of an EIS. As such, they will be responsible for the consultant selection, for assuring compliance with all NEPA and CEQ regulations, for the management of the consultant for the duration of the study and conducting public workshops.

The City will be responsible for contract negotiations with the selected consultant, contracting with the consultant for the EIS services and fully participating in the EIS process.

In order to initiate the EIS process, it is necessary to execute the MOU, which outlines the responsibilities between the FAA and the City.

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

This proposed action continues the policy of improving facilities at San Antonio International Airport and utilizing federal funding when available.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This proposed action has no fiscal impact. Upon the selection of the consultant, the negotiated contract will be brought forward for City Council consideration. This project is funded by FAA Grant No.3-48-0192-44-02 (75%), which was accepted on September 26, 2002, and General Airport Revenue Bonds (25%). The fees for this study have been estimated to be \$1,000,000.00.

### **COORDINATION**

This request for ordinance has been coordinated with the Public Works, Finance and Management and Budget Departments.

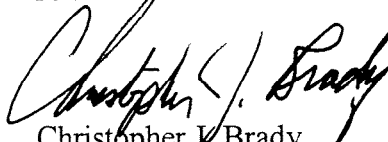
### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

An ethics disclosure form is not required for this proposed action.

### **SIGNATURES**



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APPROVED:



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