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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: William F. Sherry, A.A.E.

SUBJECT: **AIRPORT OBSTRUCTION STUDY**

DATE: March 12, 2009

Approved [signature] Date 3/13/09

INFORMATION

The directors and key staff from the Airport Department, Redevelopment Agency, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department, and City Manager's Office, as well as the technical consultants retained by the Airport and the Chamber of Commerce, met on February 26, 2009, to discuss the Airport Obstruction Study and specific concerns of the Redevelopment Agency regarding staff's pending recommendation to the Community and Economic Development Committee and the City Council. The original study was prepared in 2006, and it has been independently reviewed by a separate consulting team in order to validate its findings.

The primary objectives of the meeting were to:

1. Present technical findings and discuss questions, concerns and issues regarding the pending staff recommendation;
2. Explore the potential for further technical refinements that might result in additional alternatives to better achieve the objective of the Council to find the optimum win-win solution for the Airport and Downtown.

The Agency identified critical downtown areas for potential building development and requested that Airport staff approach the airlines to determine the impact of additional variations of policy alternatives on present and future long-haul air service. Staff directed the Airport's consultants to conduct further analysis and outreach to airlines on these specific alternatives. As a result, staff has deferred the presentation of the obstruction study findings and recommendations to the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting on June 22, rather than in March. Staff will also need to seek Council approval of an amendment to the City's consultant agreement this spring to increase the contract compensation resulting from continuing technical work.

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