



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: February 5, 2013

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: PURSUING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR AN AEROTROPOLIS STUDY
(DISTRICTS: 1 AND 2)

SUMMARY

Overview

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Recommendation(s)

CHAIRMAN GREG COX AND VICE-CHAIRWOMAN DIANNE JACOB

Adopt the resolution titled A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTH COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND EAST COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO STUDY THE AEROTROPOLIS CONCEPT.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

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Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

The CEDS Steering Committee has approved this joint application by the South County Economic Development Council and East County Economic Development Council to EDA for Aerotropolis planning.

Background

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The Aerotropolis concept calls for the creation of a concentrated economic hub around an airport. This planning project should help identify those industry sectors that would benefit most from the Aerotropolis development. Opportunities already exist in manufacturing, telecommunications and logistics, hotels, entertainment complexes, exhibition and conference centers, retail outlets and restaurants, offices for business people who travel frequently by air or engage in global commerce, clusters of business and industrial parks, wholesale merchandise marts and distribution centers, national security research and development, and foreign trade. These identified opportunities will require a skilled workforce so the Aerotropolis plan will also address training required to develop this workforce.

This concept will be looking specifically at two airports, Gillespie Field and Brown Field. Gillespie Field is an economic driver in East County and the San Diego region and contributes more than \$403 million annually and 3,164 jobs to the local economy. Brown Field is currently under-utilized, however, plans for the phased construction of new aviation and supporting facilities, when realized, will create 4,000 permanent jobs and will contribute over \$500 million annually to the economy. Both of these airports have land set-aside for future development. An Aerotropolis can have an impact within and outside of each airport's fenceline.

The Aerotropolis concept was developed by the Gillespie Field Committee with representatives from County of San Diego, the San Diego Regional Airport Authority, SANDAG, CalTrans, the Gillespie Field Development Council, the cities of El Cajon and Santee, and other interested individuals and organizations to focus on long range planning for the future development of these regional resources. The City of El Cajon and the City of Santee have submitted letters of support for this EDA application.

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Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

This action supports the Sustainable Environments Initiative of the County's 2013-18 Strategic Plan, with a commitment to support environments that foster viable, livable communities while bolstering economic growth, with an emphasis on providing for planning, development, infrastructure and services that support the local economy and are fundamental to a strong, vibrant region.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAIRMAN GREG COX
First District Supervisor

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN DIANNE JACOB
Second District Supervisor

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A: A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego Supporting the South County Economic Development Council and East County Economic Development Council Application for Federal Funding to Study the Aerotropolis Concept

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Districts 1 and 2, Board of Supervisors

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

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