

Agenda Report

July 18, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mayor Terry Tornek

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT CREATING THE BURBANK-GLENDALE-PASADENA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement among the Cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena Creating an Agency to be Known as the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority.

BACKGROUND:

In 1977, the Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena City Councils voted to form an airport authority to acquire and operate the Burbank Airport, by way of a Joint Powers Agreement. The current Joint Powers Agreement has been amended and restated several times over the years, most recently in 2003. The airport authority is governed by a nine-member Commission, with each of the three member cities appointing three members to the Commission.

This proposed Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement is a means for the airport authority to move towards construction of a modernized airport terminal to replace the existing terminal that was originally constructed in the 1930's. The renovated terminal is beneficial to Pasadena residents, and is necessary for the future of the airport's viability. The renovation would modernize the amenities available to travelers, provide a safer distance between the terminal and the runways, and bring the terminal up to current earthquake design standards.

As part of the proposed Second Amendment, the City of Burbank would release an easement that would be necessary for the renovated terminal. Additionally, changes to governance of the airport authority would be made. Specifically, certain Commission actions would now require a "supermajority" vote, i.e., at least two Commissioners of each city must approve a series of types of actions. For example, a supermajority vote would now be required to, among other things, engage in construction and/or expansion of the terminal beyond what is contemplated by the renovation plans – where the current plans to continue with the existing number of 14 gates at the terminal.

As a side note, after the cities approve this proposed Second Amendment, the voters of the City of Burbank would need to approve of the renovated terminal. Measure B, passed by Burbank voters in 2000, requires Burbank voter approval of the renovation. It is anticipated that the Burbank City Council may place a measure on the November 2016 ballot to consider the renovation.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action supports the City Council's strategic planning goal of improving, maintaining, and enhancing public facilities or infrastructure.

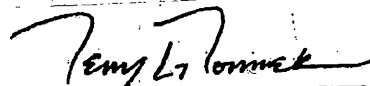
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question, such as the proposed agreement, may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Pasadena.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mayor