

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 5, 2008

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NIGHTTIME NOISE CURFEW AT THE BOB HOPE AIRPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council adopt a resolution in support of the nighttime noise curfew at the Bob Hope Airport.

BACKGROUND

The Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority is a separate government agency created under a joint powers agreement between the three cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena in 1977 for the sole purpose of owning and operating the Bob Hope Airport. The Authority consists of nine commissioners, three from each city. The commissioners from each city are appointed by their respective city council.

For more than 30 years there has been a voluntary curfew in effect for air carrier aircraft operations at the Bob Hope Airport from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Although commercial air carriers have generally complied, there are other aircraft operations, including air cargo and general aviation, that occur during nighttime hours which interfere with the quality of life of residents that live in the surrounding community.

Federal law has established a formal process, known as Federal Aviation Regulation Part 161 ("Part 161") which provides a method to adopt a mandatory curfew as long as certain very stringent requirements can be satisfied. In 2000, the Airport Authority initiated a study required by Part 161 ("Part 161 Study") before the FAA can approve implementation of this mandatory curfew.

On April 8, 2008, Airport Authority staff presented the conclusions of the Part 161 Study to the City Council. That study has determined that the benefit-cost

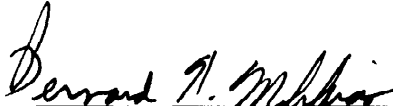
analysis of implementing a full curfew may adequately meet the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") requirements and support their approval of a mandatory nighttime curfew. Airport Authority staff advised the City Council that a concerted demonstration of support from the City of Pasadena, as well as the cities of Burbank and Glendale, local elected state and federal representatives and the public at large would increase the likelihood of securing the FAA's approval for this curfew

Staff has prepared a resolution for the City Council's consideration to demonstrate the City's support for the mandatory curfew at the airport.

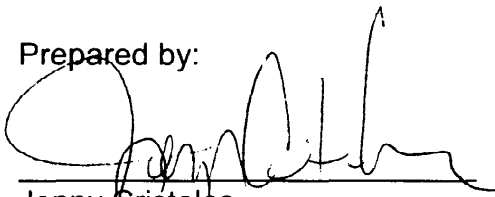
FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed nighttime curfew at the Bob Hope Airport would have no fiscal impact for the City.

Respectfully submitted:


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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA
IN SUPPORT OF THE NIGHTTIME NOISE CURFEW AT BOB HOPE AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority (“Airport Authority”) is the owner and operator of the Bob Hope Airport; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this resolution is to allow the City of Pasadena to provide support, as one of the three cities that formed the Airport Authority, in obtaining meaningful nighttime noise relief for Burbank residents and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the existing longstanding voluntary nighttime curfew for air carrier operations at the Bob Hope Airport has provided significant noise reduction, other nighttime aircraft operations continue to adversely impact the quality of life for the residents surrounding Bob Hope Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority completed a Part 161 Study, as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) before the Airport Authority can obtain approval to implement a mandatory curfew at Bob Hope Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Part 161 Study has found that noise impacts in the surrounding communities at Bob Hope Airport are forecast to increase with future activity and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a full mandatory curfew would mitigate those forecast increased noise impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority has developed a proposal where the monetized benefits of a mandatory nighttime curfew would exceed the costs; and

WHEREAS, the FAA requires that a Part 161 Study must demonstrate that the benefits of a mandatory nighttime curfew will have a reasonable chance that expected benefits will equal or exceed expected costs; and

WHEREAS, the Part 161 Study identified additional benefits that cannot be monetized but are equally as important for many of the communities surrounding the airport. These additional benefits include diminishing instances of sleep disturbance and the ability to enjoy the benefits of living in Southern California’s outdoor climate; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has not found existing nighttime restrictions at several other airports in Southern California to be objectionable or in violation of federal law; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pasadena City Council strongly supports the findings and methodologies identified in the Part 161 Study, and urges the Airport Authority to move forward with the process of securing a nighttime noise curfew.

FURTHERMORE, the City of Pasadena urges surrounding communities to support this singular opportunity to obtain meaningful nighttime noise relief for the City of Burbank and to improve the quality of life for the residents surrounding Bob Hope Airport..

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2008 by the following votes:

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

JANE L. RODRIGUEZ
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



4/22/08

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