



DATE: January 23, 2018

CATEGORY: New Business

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **An agreement with CSDA Design Group to advise and consult on issues related to noise from South Flow Arrivals at Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CSDA Design Group for a not to exceed amount of \$58,000 to advise and consult on recommendations developed by the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals to address the impacts of airplane noise resulting from the use of south flow procedures at Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport.
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with the City of Los Altos for the services rendered by CSDA Design Group.
3. Appropriate and transfer \$29,000 from the General Fund Reserve to the City Manager's Office for the City's share of services recommended. (Five votes required)

BACKGROUND

The City of Mountain View City Council identified airplane noise as one of its top Federal priorities in 2017 and worked closely with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Supervisor Simitian, the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and neighboring jurisdictions to explore and develop feasible solutions to reduce noise impacts on Mountain View residents as a result of air traffic arrivals and departures at San Francisco International Airport.

Subsequently, an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals (Committee) was established by the San José City Council in October 2017 to explore possible solutions to address the noise impacts on residents when weather conditions over the airfield require the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) to operate in a "south flow" configuration. "South Flow" procedures are when aircraft land from the north of the Airport instead of the usual landing from the south. In recent years, SJC

has received a significant increase in noise complaints about south flow operations due to more days requiring south flow configuration, south flow wind conditions lasting longer, and the higher concentration of arriving flights.

The charge of the Committee is to gather input, concerns, and comments from the public on the south flow issue, identify and discuss possible measures to address the procedure's noise impacts and to recommend potentially feasible options for FAA consideration.

The Committee membership consists of the 15 cities in Santa Clara County and the County of Santa Clara who is represented by a primary delegate and an alternate. Vice Mayor Lisa Matichak represents the City of Mountain View as the delegate and Mayor Lenny Siegel will serve as the alternate. Cities participation on the Committee is voluntary. Each jurisdiction will have one vote, except the City of San José, which will have two votes. The Committee will have 120 days from its first meeting in 2018 to complete its review of the south flow procedure and develop possible recommendations for the FAA's consideration. The Committee held an organizational meeting on November 17, 2017, to review the scope of the Committee's charge, establish a work plan and agree on a meeting schedule. The Committee is tentatively scheduled to begin their substantive work on January 26, 2018.

In anticipation of the convening of an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals, staff approached neighboring jurisdictions to gauge interest in entering into a joint agreement with an aviation consultant to assist in the review, assessment, and development of alternative options that would address the SJC south flow procedure and its impact over mid-Peninsula cities.

The City of Los Altos City Council authorized its staff to collaborate with Mountain View to develop and issue a request for proposal (RFP), and to enter into a cost sharing agreement for an aviation consultant. An RFP for an aviation consultant was issued in November 2017, with a proposal deadline in December 2017. Three proposals were received and staff from Mountain View and Los Altos interviewed two firms in early January, and selected CSDA Design Group as the preferred consultant.

ANALYSIS

The City has consistently heard from residents that airplane noise on the days that the airport operates the "south flow" arrival procedure into SJC has a negative impact on quality of life and amplifies the airplane noise that residents are exposed to as a result of arrival and departure flights from numerous airports in the region.

To assist the City in its evaluation of options to address the impacts on Mountain View and Los Altos residents from south flow operations, CSDA will provide expertise, counsel, and evaluation of proposals and alternatives developed by the Committee. Additionally, CSDA will use its expertise to develop options or changes to existing routes, procedures, and aircraft operational alternatives for both cities to consider as the Committee's work unfolds. See Attachment 1 for their scope of work.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will work with the City of Los Altos to develop a cost-sharing agreement for aviation consultant services and work with the consultant and Finance and Administrative Services Department to execute the professional services agreement. Staff will coordinate the consultants work with the City of Los Altos and will staff the delegate and alternate during the entirety of the Committee's deliberations.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total not to exceed amount for CSDA Design Group aviation consultant services to evaluate south flow procedures at SJC is \$58,000 (\$52,330 for basic services and a contingency of \$5,670) through June 30, 2018. The cost of the consultant services will be shared equally between Mountain View and the City of Los Altos.

No funds are budgeted for this issue. Staff recommends the transfer of \$29,000 from the General Operating Fund Reserve.

Should the City Council direct staff to extend consultant services beyond the initial scope, add-on consultant services are estimated at approximately \$37,000.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not approve the execution of the agreement for aviation consultant services with CSDA Design Group.
2. Request the add-on services be performed with the additional appropriations required.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda Posting and link to interested parties.

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Attachment: 1. Scope of Work