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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: FAA Comments and Recommendations on the County's proposed changes to taxiway geometry and taxiway naming at RHV.
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Thanks for getting this out Brian.

Harry/Eric, I believe that FAA and the County agreed to regularly scheduled meetings to discuss the remaining outstanding land use and safety items and the next scheduled meeting is March 15. If you would like to meet earlier to go over the FAA comments that Brian Armstrong sent you yesterday please let our team know.

WRT the remaining land use items, our goal is to wrap everything up when we receive the updated ALP, Exhibit A, and Title Documents reflecting the actual property boundaries for RHV.

- We are considering granting written concurrence of land uses for the non-aeronautical uses on RHV. That plus an approved (revised) ALP/Exhibit A and final title for the airport (given our discovery of the off airport parcel supporting VTA) should close out everything.
- By taking this approach we do not believe an environmental review is necessary and we can wrap up these issues quicker.
- During the March 15 meeting, we can confirm what is needed (besides the revised ALP, Exhibit A, and Title Docs) to take this administrative action so we can wrap up all remaining land use items.

WRT the remaining safety issues, our goal is to provide written concurrence for your final signage and marking plan once you repackage it given our comments. Afterwards, we want to discuss the County's plan to address VPDs and Runway Excursions (RE) at RHV (please see my Dec 5, 2022 and Jan 19, 2023 emails to Eric) and wildlife management at both airports to ensure that the RSAs remain free of ruts due to ground squirrels (or other animals).

- For our VPD discussion, we will want to understand what trends the County is seeing (if any) and well as what actions the County has taken to address VPDs. If necessary, we may ask the County for a Corrective Action Plan to address VPDs that FAA can concur with.
- For the RE discussion, we will want to discuss the trends we are seeing of aircraft losing control and veering off the runway and get your thoughts on what support the County needs from FAA in terms of pilot actions. We also want to discuss actions that the County can take such as ensuring that all County owned equipment in the RSA meets FAA frangibility requirements and are needed. FAA will do a similar review for FAA owned equipment. WE also want to explore other County (or FAA) actions that could help.
- For the wildlife discussion, we will want to discuss what actions the County has taken to management wildlife at County airports. We also want to work with the County on any environmental challenges that may exist that need to be resolved to ensure that the RSAs meet FAA grading standards.

If I missed anything my team will let you know at our next meeting.

Have a great weekend!

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Harry and Eric,

Attached are the Federal Aviation Administration's comments and recommendation on the County's proposed changes to the taxiway geometry and taxiway naming at RHV.

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