



Promoting, Preserving and Protecting California's
General Aviation Community and Airports

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Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110

Re: County Airports Business Plan Update, Agenda item 19

Dear Board of Supervisors;

The California Pilots Association, incorporated in 1949, has a mission is to promote, preserve and protect the state's airports. As a statewide volunteer organization, we work to maintain the State's airports in the best possible condition. We have chapters throughout the state including one at Reid Hillview Airport.

The California Pilots Association is concerned about the health of airports. We are monitoring Reid Hillview Airport (RHV) and the actions of the Board of Supervisors for Santa Clara County.

The Reid Hillview Airport is a vital link in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). This is the network of airports throughout the country. It is a system of feeder airports 88% of which are General Aviation (smaller planes) airports like Reid Hillview Airport, which use the same navigational systems. They are integrated into the system with air carrier airports like San Jose International Airport (SJC) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Reid Hillview Airport is classified as a Reliever Airport that relieves or saves San Jose Airport from having to accommodate the Air Traffic of smaller planes. This allows for a more efficient use of air space and air traffic control which in practice prevents delays of scheduled commercial aircraft. That means your business trip or vacation is not delayed by having to wait while these smaller planes (which would then be forced use SJC should something untoward happen to Reid Hillview Airport) take off and land before your airliner.

You will hear from others the economic value of the Airport the benefits to the area of the Airport including Angel Flights and emergency services. Many small businesses use aircraft at RHV for business trips. There are also businesses on the field which employ all types of workers.

Additionally, the EPA study which took place at Reid Hillview also included San Carlos Airport. The San Carlos Airport Pilots Associations (SCAPA) also a chapter of the California Pilots Association responded to many of the inaccuracies of that report. It was flawed as the EPA failed to follow their own methodology and placed the monitors not in ambient air as required but very close to the planes' exhaust thus skewing the results. No high lead levels were found from monitors away from plane's exhaust. Attached is SCAPA's response much of which applies to RHV as well.

Lastly, we urge the adoption of Alternative 1 in the Santa Clara County staff report which suggests again taking Airport Improvement Program Grants from the Federal Aviation Administration. This not only maintains Reid Hillview Airport in good condition but provides infrastructure jobs in the San Jose/ Reid Hillview area. It also protects and improves the National Transportation System.

Thank you and please protect this vital public resource for the benefit of all of Santa Clara County.

Respectfully submitted,



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