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Central TX Airport*

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DOT/FAA
Mr. Glenn Boles, ASW-624
Airspace Program Manager - FFA Airports SW Region
Fort Worth, TX 76193-0630



COMMENTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED "CENTRAL TEXAS AIRPORT"

Re: FAA Aeronautical Study for Airport, near Austin, TX;
2010-ASW-354-NRA, locally known as the "Central Texas Airport."

Dear Mr. Boles:

On or about March 17, 2010, the Honorable Mayor Terry Orr and Bastrop Texas City Council Members received correspondence from you pertaining to the DOT's/FAA's notice and establishment of a proposed "public use runway" for the following airport facility:

Name: **Central Texas Airport**
Proponent: Central Texas Airport, LLC
Location: Austin, TX
Latitude: 30° 11' 55.17 (NAD-83)
Longitude: 97° 27' 11.66"
Elevation: 405' above mean sea level
Layout: RW 01/19 concrete, 100' x 7200'

Your correspondence to Mayor Orr invited "interested persons" to submit written comments on the proposal. In response to this invitation, the Mayor and City Council have directed me to provide the City of Bastrop's ("City") comments and input, as follows:

1. As a preliminary matter, the City objects to the characterization that this proposed airport facility is located in "Austin, TX." In point of fact, based upon the information provided, the actual location for this proposed 'public use runway' is located in Bastrop County, and is specifically within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Bastrop, Texas an area over which the City (in conjunction with Bastrop County) has legal, regulatory and development authority, pursuant to the Texas Constitution and applicable State law.
2. The Council is concerned that the misinformation related to the actual location of the proposed airport/runway has been significantly misleading to the public, in general, and has/will result in many interested persons not having adequate legal

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notice of the proposed airport/runway, and consequently in denying such interested persons a fair opportunity to present input and written comments to the DOT/FAA, regarding same.

3. The City has not received any information (other than the one-page FAA 'notice' that was sent to Mayor Orr) pertaining to this proposed facility, and thus, is materially thwarted in its ability to provide meaningful comment relative to the effect of the proposed airport on its jurisdiction and/or to provide comment on the effect, if any, that the proposed facility will/could have on the use or airspace by aircraft.

Accordingly, by submission of this letter, the City Council is formally requesting that DOT/FAA provide to the City, the following:

- (1) Up-to-date documentation related to this proposed airport/runway,
- (2) Copies of all materials and supporting documentation submitted to the FAA by the Proponent(s) of the project, and
- (3) A full copy of the FAA's hearing and/or report, on this proposal.

With the requested materials and documentation in hand, the City will be positioned to evaluate the details pertinent to the proposed project and determine, if in its judgment as a governmental entity with developmental authority over the location in question (in conjunction with the Commissioners Court for Bastrop County, Texas), whether it will retain experts to review the proposed project and/or prepare additional comments on the proposal, for submission to the DOT/FAA.

In accord with the request for documentation and information noted herein above, the City also hereby respectfully requests that DOT/FAA extend the close of the comment period for this proposed project to a date on or after one-hundred and twenty (120) days following the City's receipt of the materials requested herein/detailed above, from the DOT/FAA. It is the City's position that denial of the requested extension of the comment deadline would materially harm the City in its ability to evaluate the proposed project and prepare meaningful comment for the consideration by the DOT/FAA.

If you have any questions related to this input from the City of Bastrop, Texas, or if I may provide any additional information to you or the DOT/FAA regarding the City's position on this matter, please feel free to contact me at City Hall, Bastrop Texas. That phone number is 512.303-7305. I may also be reached on my cell phone at 512.369.2426.

As the City Manager, representing the City of Bastrop, I along with the City, would like to thank you for consideration of the information contained herein and the City's requests for information and an extended comment deadline. We anxiously await receipt of the information requested and your reply to these requests.

Very truly yours,

Michal H. Talbot
City Manger

cc: Judge Ronnie McDonald
Bastrop County Commissioners

icc: Mayor Terry Orr
City Council Members
JC Brown, City Attorney