

RESOLUTION NO. 20211209-061

WHEREAS, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) is classified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a medium-hub airport and is the fourth busiest airport in Texas; and

WHEREAS, AUS was built in 1999 at the location of the then existing Bergstrom Air Force Base and was originally designed to serve 11 million travelers per year and covers 4,242 acres, including two parallel runways and 37 gates; and

WHEREAS, AUS is one of the fastest growing airports in the nation, is forecasted to have 17.2 million travelers in 2022, and will require expanded facilities to meet the 2022 demand and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Master Plan describes the need for additional terminal gate and airfield capacity and additional Jet-A fuel storage capacity to support the growth of airline service, all of which reflects the growth of the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, AUS is currently experiencing shortages in the provision of Jet-A fuel, putting at risk the ability to provide sufficient fueling for the airlines currently serving AUS and the ability to accommodate the growth of the air service provided by all the airlines serving AUS, including the ultra-low-cost airlines and the non-stop international service to Latin America and Europe; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we understand the legacy of environmental injustice and racism associated with historical major oil company gasoline tank farm locations in East and Southeast Austin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and AUS are desirous of providing information to the residents of Southeast Austin related to the Jet-A fuel storage project, to support the City’s commitment to preserve environmental altruism; and

WHEREAS, communities of color disproportionately experience the impacts of environmental injustices leading to health risks; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Direction 2023’s Mobility Strategy supports the need to “ensure our transportation network optimizes community safety, including street safety, emergency response, flood risk, disaster resiliency, and public health”; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Direction 2023’s Health & Environment Strategy supports the need to “promote healthy living and well-being with a particular focus on areas and communities with high rates of chronic disease and high-risk behaviors who lack access to services”; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to conduct community information meetings for residents adjacent to AUS. The community information meetings will provide information regarding:

- the site selection process for the new Jet-A fuel storage facility;
- alternative sites for the new fuel storage facility;
- previously conducted environmental assessments required by the FAA;
- and
- environmental studies related to the air and water quality impacts of the new fuel storage facility location beyond the phase of construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

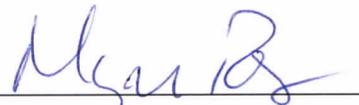
The community information meetings will also provide a sufficient and accessible public comment setting in multiple languages to ensure impacted residents are included. Notification of the community information meetings will be conducted in a manner which is easily accessible to residents adjacent to AUS, including but not limited to, door-to-door notification, mailers, and printed, radio, and social media. The results of the community information meetings will be reported to Council no later than February 7, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide a Council briefing regarding the recommended site for the Jet-A fuel storage facility, including information related to the governmental compliance process and environmental impact review process for the project, and to report on the comparison of any measured air pollutants of the existing AUS fuel storage facility with previous years' measurements, and communicate any potential effects of specific changes in air quality based on the new Jet-A fuel storage facility. A memo will be provided to Council no later than March 9, 2022.

ADOPTED: December 9, 2021

ATTEST:



Myrna Rios
Interim City Clerk