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Date of Approval: 4/8/14
Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 7-0 vote

Rick Krivoniak
(Mayor Leffingwell)

MEMORANDUM

James Dwyer
(CM Martinez)

TO: Mayor Leffingwell and the Austin City Council

Jim Walker
(CM Morrison)

DATE: April 8, 2014

Corky Hilliard
(CM Riley)

RE: I-35 Capital Area Improvement Plan

Jerry Perkins
(CM Tovo)

Mayor and Council Members,

Pam Hefner
Staff Liaison
EDD

Thank you for your recent resolution related to the I-35 Capital Area Improvement Plan (CAIP). The PIAC received a briefing from TxDOT and City representatives on the CAIP at our Tuesday, March 11 2014 meeting.

Jill Fagan
Staff Liaison
EDD

As you may be aware, the broad charge of the PIAC is to “advise the city council on implementation of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport (RMMA) Master Plan,” which includes issues such as land disposition strategy, traffic, and urban design - we believe the CAIP as presented on March 11 could have a negative impact on the successful implementation of the RMMA Master Plan.

As you are probably also aware, the RMMA Master Plan has had six guiding principles since the mid-1990's. Two of these – Compatibility with Surrounding Neighborhoods and East Austin Revitalization – relate strongly to the City Council rationale for passing the resolution on the CAIP. The urban design principles of the RMMA Master Plan also reflect Council's emphasis on the design tenets of Imagine Austin.

In support of the Council resolution, the PIAC looks forward to participating with City staff and other stakeholders “in discussing the alternatives, potential impacts of the alternatives, and the timelines associated with the CAIP.” At an appropriate point in the process, the PIAC is also willing to provide a report to Council on the CAIP alternatives and potential impacts, as we understand them, to the ongoing successful implementation of the RMMA Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Carol Drennan
Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission