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DALLAS LOVE FIELD
AIRPORT IMPACT ANALYSIS/MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #2
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1 MS. LEOS: Good evening. Can you hear me
2 in the back? I'm Kathy Leos, school board trustee for
3 District 8 and Rusk is one of the middle schools that
4 is in the middle of District 8, and I want to welcome
5 everybody this evening, the second forum for
6 discussion. I understand this is a progress report
7 only and there will be plenty of time for input during
8 this public forum this evening.

9 I could not attend the first meeting. I
10 think many of you know we've been involved in quite an
11 intense process over in the public school system both
12 in the termination of one superintendent and now a
13 search process for another. So I apologize. It's not
14 that I'm not getting the information. I am getting the
15 information, and it's a pleasure for me to be here
16 tonight, actually begin to participate in a much more
17 active way than I've had the opportunity since this
18 summer.

19 So I also want to welcome everyone to one
20 of our public schools and look forward to this
21 evening's discussion and I hope that it's a rousing
22 discussion. It's very important that we hear from the
23 community how major changes do affect the community,
24 and welcome to Rusk.

25 (Ms. Leos speaking in Spanish.)

1 MS. LEOS: Well, having said that, I
2 would like to welcome our principal and say thank you
3 on behalf of myself and District 8 for opening up the
4 school to the community which it is the community
5 school.

6 MR. GARCIA: Absolutely.

7 MS. LEOS: And I would like to present
8 Mr. Garcia. He'd like to just welcome everyone this
9 evening before we get started. Thank you.

10 MR. GARCIA: Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. GARCIA: Thank you, Ms. Leos, and
13 welcome all. Everyone welcome tonight. I hope that
14 this is a great public session or meeting for all of
15 you and that it brings answers to some of your
16 questions. Rusk Middle School is one of the best
17 middle schools in Dallas and we hope to make it the
18 very best. I welcome you again. I hope that as you're
19 here tonight, if some of you have time and are willing
20 to give us your time for volunteerism, we would love to
21 have anyone involved with our school. We're always
22 trying to pitch for supporters and volunteers in our
23 schools. Welcome to our school tonight and have a
24 great one, and thank you for being here.

25 (Applause.)

1 MR. GWYN: Good afternoon. My name is
2 Kenneth Gwyn and I'm the director of aviation for the
3 city of Dallas, and on behalf of the citizens of
4 Dallas, Mrs. Leos, thank you for the use of your
5 facilities; thank you for the use of your facility
6 here. This is a very important part of our process to
7 get out into the community to gather information
8 relevant to the Dallas Love Field Master Plan.

9 I won't take up a lot of your time
10 tonight because I think that the critical issues that
11 we have to discuss tonight really is for our consultant
12 team who is involved in this master plan process to
13 share with you some preliminary information relative to
14 this master plan study.

15 When this study was commissioned, one of
16 the major focuses and one of the major important pieces
17 to this whole process was public participation. There
18 was a charge given to the staff and, in fact, we gave
19 to the consultants to have an all-encompassing public
20 participation process. As Ms. Leos said, this is the
21 second of one of those meetings where we seek public
22 input regarding the development of this plan. And let
23 me state that there was a lot of discussion in the
24 newspaper relative to the plan and where we were.

25 As Ms. Leos has said, this is the

1 beginning; this is one step in the process of gathering
2 information. This is an information gathering process.
3 The plan will be finalized on November 30th with
4 recommendations being made to the Dallas city council
5 at that point. But the key issue tonight is that we
6 really want to get the public's input regarding the
7 development of this very important plan.

8 This meeting is just one of the ways
9 we're gathering public participation or gathering the
10 public's opinion about the plan. Another key element
11 of the plan is what we call the Master Plan Advisory
12 Committee, and a lot of those members are in the
13 audience. They are -- I think have the pink name tag,
14 and I'd like for those members please to stand up.
15 They are very key to this public participation process.
16 Let's stand and give them a hand.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. GWYN: Thank you. These individuals
19 are working very closely with the consultant team
20 giving input from their various respective estate
21 holders relative to the development of this plan. And
22 this is another opportunity really for the public to
23 share with the staff and with the consultants how this
24 plan should be formulated and what those
25 recommendations should be to the Dallas city council.

1 With that, I'd like to turn it over and
2 let's get to the meat of why we're here tonight. I'd
3 like to bring forth Mr. Allan A'Hara who is one of our
4 consultants with DMJM, D-M-J-M, and he will lead you
5 through the findings thus far and get the input --
6 begin the process of gathering input about the
7 development of this plan. Allan.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. A'HARA: Good evening. Everyone can
10 hear me okay? No. Good evening. I trust everyone
11 received a handout when they signed in to the
12 presentation tonight and that's just a select few of
13 the slides that I'll present to you here. It will be a
14 fairly brief presentation, but there are some very
15 important points that I want to make with respect to
16 some of the findings that we have already come up with
17 here as part of the master plan study and also give you
18 an idea of those remaining issues that we're going to
19 be looking at over the next 45 days or so. And so
20 within 60 days, we'll be able to come forth with a
21 completed master plan that provides the City of Dallas
22 and the city council with the information they need to
23 make decisions with respect to the future of Love
24 Field.

25 I will walk through the presentation.

1 We'll then have a structured question and answer
2 session. I believe we'll have individuals come to the
3 microphones positioned at each aisle. I understand
4 there are also some folks in the audience who chose to
5 put their questions on comment cards, and I'll be happy
6 to read those questions and answer them as best I can
7 as well. Also, the green comment cards are certainly
8 available for you to fill out or leave with us and fill
9 out and send back to us as part of this process.

10 As Kenneth said, a large part of this
11 process has been gathering information particularly in
12 the way of feedback through the Master Plan Advisory
13 Committee; and as Kenneth said, they have been working
14 very closely with us and they bring to us a lot of
15 perspectives as he said, the perspective of the airport
16 user, whether it be the airlines or the general
17 aviation folks or whether it be the citizens by way of
18 the neighborhood association representatives and
19 finally the businesses and other business interests
20 that are here in the immediate area as well as in the
21 city of Dallas, all stakeholders again in the future of
22 Love Field.

23 I will walk through again and it may be a
24 little bit repetitive for some of you that attended the
25 first public meeting but just to make sure everybody is

1 familiar with and understands the master plan process,
2 what we're going through and what we're attempting to
3 accomplish through this process and what we hope will
4 be the end result in the way of a master plan product
5 for the city.

6 Then I'll walk through some of the
7 technical issues that we've been dealing with and some
8 of the information we've gathered and what that
9 information is beginning to tell us, and then we'll
10 begin to get into the ever important findings of the
11 study, some of which we have here tonight and are
12 prepared to present to you by way of progress. I'll be
13 able to give you some idea of where we see some of the
14 other parts of the study going; and then of course,
15 we'll be back before you again in November to present
16 some more completed results.

17 At the initial public meeting, we had
18 tried to develop an initial objective for the master
19 plan study and we've worked with the advisory
20 committee, and in short, we're attempting to deliver a
21 master plan which provides for optimal use of the
22 existing or the improved Dallas Love Field facility
23 while maintaining a close watch and evaluating the
24 potential environmental impacts that could result from
25 that master plan study.

1 As part of our update -- just to update
2 you with respect to the public involvement program, as
3 Kenneth mentioned, it's been a big, big part of the
4 study through both the Master Plan Advisory Committee
5 as well as you the general public. The web site has
6 been up and running now through the majority of the
7 project. Those of you that have had the opportunity to
8 go on and use that have been -- we've tried to keep you
9 informed of the study progress and results. And as we
10 begin to now come up -- more findings begin to come
11 about, over the next 30 days in particular, we'll begin
12 to post that important information on the web site and
13 keep everybody posted.

14 We have published two newsletters as part
15 of the study process. The last newsletter was
16 direct-mailed to over 50,000 residents in the immediate
17 vicinity around here, and hopefully, you have all had
18 the opportunity to see the newsletter and we will
19 continue to distribute the next study newsletter to
20 that same wide area. The next public information
21 meeting -- there is a very good chance that we will
22 hold two public information meetings in the month of
23 November and try to get them in two different locations
24 to make sure we have a maximum exposure of what will be
25 in large part the results and findings and

1 recommendations of the study, and we foresee that, of
2 course, happening next month before we go with the
3 final plan to the airport and to the city council.

4 The study process -- and some of you may
5 be familiar and remember the study process flowchart
6 that we evaluated at the beginning of the study. To
7 give you an idea of where we are today, the second
8 group of red hexagons that present the information
9 reporting period to the public is effectively where we
10 are in the study at this point. The yellow box is
11 really where we try to bring all of the information
12 together and begin to find out exactly what it means to
13 the process and what we foresee actually happening at
14 Love Field.

15 So we're really still in that yellow box
16 which is really the meaty part of the study process
17 where we begin to evaluate a lot of the information
18 that we developed during the first part of the process.
19 After today we will move on to finalize that part of
20 the process and begin to assemble the deliverables and
21 the documentation identified in Phase 3, and of course,
22 bring that to you as part of the next presentation.

23 There's been some -- and we've been, of
24 course, communicating with the Master Plan Advisory
25 Committee and we've gotten some feedback from them

1 early on in the process and up and until actually
2 recently, we were still getting some feedback from them
3 that we have to try and clarify exactly what the master
4 plan is, what it's trying to accomplish, and what the
5 master plan is not because we've been getting some
6 feedback from certain folks indicating that they
7 thought the master plan was going to do this or they
8 thought it was going to do that. So we tried to
9 simplify exactly what the master plan is and what it is
10 not.

11 To run them down, this master plan is not
12 a regulatory or a policy making document, okay, but it
13 will analyze the various options that are available to
14 the city council to help them possibly make decisions
15 in the areas of policy or regulations, okay. So again,
16 we're going to try and structure it in such a way as to
17 give them as much information as we can and advise them
18 as much as we can so they can go forward and
19 potentially make policy-related decisions with respect
20 to Love Field.

21 The master plan document itself will not
22 establish new policy or establish any regulations in
23 any way with respect to the future of Love Field. It
24 will simply provide some guidelines for making those.
25 It is not a noise mitigation study. We are, however,

1 evaluating noise impact, and we will show you tonight
2 the existing noise impact situation. And what we'll be
3 able to do is we will be able to evaluate what noise
4 impact could potentially result from a future Love
5 Field, particularly a future Love Field that may have
6 higher activity levels and a Love Field at which the
7 City may choose to take some development action. And
8 if, in fact, that happens, we'll be able to again
9 provide with the airport, with the city council the
10 level of noise impact that may be associated with that
11 type of development.

12 But a lot of people have asked me, Will
13 this study be able to restrict noise or regulate how
14 much noise is generated? They're really -- noise
15 mitigation options or Part 161 Study of which some
16 airports have undertaken to try and actually budget or
17 control the amount of noise that's made at an airport
18 by controlling the amount of activity at an airport,
19 that's getting into a whole legal issue, and that's not
20 what this master plan is setting out to do. But we
21 will provide an accurate impact analysis of the noise
22 situation in the communities surrounding the airport.

23 It is not an environmental assessment or
24 an environmental impact statement. Other people have
25 asked me, Will you do a detailed air quality analysis

1 or will you do noise -- water quality monitoring and
2 those types of things. What the master plan is doing
3 is pursuing an environmental overview. Once again,
4 we'll be able to turn over the master plan study to the
5 city; and along with that master plan study, we'll be
6 able to provide a level of environmental review whereby
7 we'll be able to foresee where there could be potential
8 environmental problems associated with the future of
9 Love Field and any action that the City may choose to
10 take at Love Field.

11 It will not go to the extent of providing
12 a full blown environmental assessment or an
13 environmental impact statement. That's a full
14 environmental study that Dallas may choose to pursue
15 once this master plan is complete as part of then
16 pursuing possibly any development action or changes in
17 the way Love Field operates. And it is not a
18 development expansion initiative. Early on, people
19 said to us the reason we're doing this master plan is
20 so we can expand the airport. That's not the case.
21 Okay.

22 The result of the master plan may, in
23 fact, propose facility improvements at the existing
24 airport facility, but the master plan was not
25 undertaken with a preconceived notion that the airport

1 will be expanding. It is not the objective of the City
2 of Dallas to embark on a master plan simply to give
3 them a mechanism to expand the airport. It may, in
4 fact, propose facility improvements however. And
5 again, the master plan turned over to the City may
6 recommend facility improvements but it was not
7 undertaken with the preconceived idea that the airport
8 would expand.

9 The project schedule that we're working
10 against, we are, as the previous speakers have
11 indicated, effectively four months through the
12 six-month study process. We have 60 days to go. A
13 lion's share of the findings of the study will be
14 completed and reviewed with our Master Plan Advisory
15 Committee and the Department of Aviation and other city
16 officials hopefully in the next 45 days. That will
17 culminate, of course, with coming back to you in the
18 November time period in time for us to wrap things up
19 by the November 30th completion of the study.

20 There is an approval process that will go
21 out beyond the end of November. We haven't -- I don't
22 believe those details have quite been worked out yet in
23 terms of when city council will hear the study in
24 session and those types of things. And of course,
25 there is the FAA review process of the study which at

1 this time we can't really predict or foresee how long
2 it will take them to review the work product. So for
3 the most part, the review and approval process of the
4 master plan will obviously go out beyond the November,
5 December time period, but the study itself will be
6 completed at the end of next month.

7 One of the primary technical tasks that
8 we went into after we met with you last and did a lot
9 of our existing data gathering both on the airport as
10 well as off the airport is work towards what type of
11 activity levels in terms of aircraft activity that
12 we're seeing at the airport, and that will give us an
13 idea of what potential growth could be seen at Love
14 Field.

15 Just to give you an idea of the most
16 recent history, the top set of numbers are annual
17 aircraft operations. Okay. Those operations --
18 remember an operation is a landing or a takeoff, okay.
19 So in 1998, there were approximately 237,000 annual
20 takeoffs and landings at Love Field in the year 1998.
21 That jumped to 250,000 in the year 1999, and then we
22 saw another sharp rise between 1999 and the year 2000
23 up to and we estimate by the end of this year on the
24 order of over 270,000 annual takeoffs and landings will
25 occur at Love Field.

