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AIRPORT GROUND ACCESS STUDY

In response to Senate Resolution (SR) 8, the California Transportation Commission (Commission), California Department of Transportation (Department) and the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) submitted a 10-year needs assessment of the state transportation system to the California Legislature in May 1999. Project-types included: unfunded rehabilitation, maintenance and operations needs for the state highway system, local streets and roads, and regional rail and transit systems. These projects are expected to reduce congestion and provide economic and environmental benefits to the state, which should be moved forward for completion as expeditiously as possible. Given the economic importance of California's commercial airports in the movement of passengers and cargo, a listing of airport ground access needs was included.

The objective of the Airport Ground Access Study is to provide information and tools to assist planners and decision makers in implementing comprehensive and coordinated approaches to solving airport ground access problems. The study will: (1) inventory current and projected passenger and freight access needs, including intercity and modal connectivity; (2) identify responsibilities and roles; (3) identify issues and barriers to resolving issues related to planning, project selection, programming and funding; and (4) recommend strategies leading to coordinated and comprehensive approaches to providing efficient ground access to airports for people and freight.

The study is to provide information and tools to assist planners and decision makers in implementing comprehensive and coordinated approaches to solving airport ground access problems. The selected consultant will also be expected to leverage existing partnerships which the Department participates in and advisory committees, such as the Northern California Airport Managers Group; Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Aviation Planning Group; the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Regional Airport Planning Committee (MTC RAPC); and private industry such as Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), California Pilots Association (CPA), Southwest Chapter American Association of Airport Executives (SWAAAE).

The proposed work should be complementary to the Ground Access to Airports Study being conducted by the Department's District 7 (Los Angeles) and District 11 (San Diego) offices. These projects focus on local airport ground access issues in their proposed areas.

Coordination with the California Aviation Systems Plan (CASP), the Interregional California Aviation Systems Plan (ICASP), and the Central California Aviation Systems Plan (CCASP), which are current projects under the direction of the Department.

A project overview and presentation on the project timeline will be made at the meeting.