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Mr. Kevin Willis, Director
Office of Airport Compliance and Management Analysis
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

RE: City's Response of Your Letter Dated April 21, 2017

Dear Mr. Willis

This letter responds to your April 21, 2017 letter, which outlined actions you identified for the City to implement in shortening Runway 3-21 at the Santa Monica Airport. As you know, this project is the result of the Settlement Agreement/Consent Decree. The purpose of this letter is to provide a detailed response in addressing a number of the actions you identified in implementing runway shortening to an operating length of 3,500 feet.

The City has been progressing expeditiously with this project and has been in constant communications with FAA Airports Division's Office, including monthly meetings to provide updates of the City's proposed changes to the airfield consistent with the Agreement.

To date the City has submitted the Form 7480-1, Notice of Landing Area Proposal, which satisfies the provisions of 14 C.F.R. Part 157. It is the City's understanding that by having submitted this form, the City has satisfied the notice requirements of the Settlement Agreement/Consent Decree, and no other notice is necessary. The Form 7480-1 included the new runway thresholds and runway ends, including surveyed latitude, longitude, and runway threshold elevations.

The City has also provided preliminary dimensions and configuration of the Runway Safety Areas on each end of the runway, proposed changes to the taxiways, aprons, hangars and other areas of the airport. Although a new Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is not required as part of this Agreement, the City will submit a diagram for reference that depicts the aforementioned areas once the 60% drawings are finalized by our consultant, which are expected to be completed by the end of July.

In order to expedite the completion of this project, the City has decided to purchase and construct the visual approach aids for the 3,500 feet runway. The City has been in contact with FAA to execute a reimbursement agreement in order for the FAA to flight check the new visual approach aids. Once the visual approach aids are installed, it is the City's understanding that FAA will decommission their own visual approach aids.

In summary, the City has submitted a 7480-1 form that notifies the FAA of the City's intent in shortening the runway. Additionally, the City will submit for reference an airport drawing that will provide information regarding the new runway and any proposed changes to the taxiways and aprons that comply with the City's obligation under the Agreement. Moreover, the City will assume ownership of the visual approach aids for the new runway in order to expedite completion of this project by December 2017.

Again, we want to thank you and your staff for the assistance that you have provided to the City to ensure that the runway-shortening project would be completed in an expedited manner.

Should you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 310.434.2693.

Sincerely,



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Airport Director
Santa Monica Airport