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Chamber directors support Central Texas Airport concept

The Elgin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted unanimously at their June board meeting to support the Central Texas airport concept, proposed by airport developer Jim Carpenter.

The proposed reliever airport would be near Hwy. 71 and the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort in Bastrop and would be located in the Elgin Independent School District. The area is nearly 2,000 acres to the south and west of Elgin that encompasses an area near FM 1704 and FM 969.

Elgin ISD Superintendent Bill Graves told the directors that if the proposed airport becomes a reality as presented that it would have a significant

impact on EISD's taxable property dollars.

"I'm excited about this possibility; we are very hopeful that there will be more development. The Chamber is here to show support for industry in the community," said Graves.

Carpenter has met with opposition in the Bastrop community because of unanswered questions about a municipal utility district for the airport and other concerns raised at several public meetings held throughout Bastrop County.

Other concerns regarding the airport were safety, noise, decreased property values, the acquiring of land by eminent domain and environmental issues.

DRAFT LETTER

Mr. James Carpenter
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Re: Central Texas Airport Project

Dear Mr. Carpenter,

The Board of Directors for the Greater Elgin Chamber of Commerce appreciates your recent presentation on the proposed Central Texas Airport Project for Bastrop County, as well as your subsequent written update. The Board looks forward to receiving additional information concerning this project and its potential impact on the region. You are invited to copy the Board with all of the informational data that you supply to the City of Bastrop in response to that city's request for information, as well as the Perryman Group Report on the Economic Impact Assessment for the Central Texas Airport for the State of Texas, central Texas region and local Bastrop County economies once it is completed and any additional material you feel pertinent.

Based upon the information you have supplied to the Board it would appear that the Central Texas Airport Project could have substantial economic benefits to the area. The Chamber supports the concept of developing a regional reliever airport to Austin Bergstrom Airport, serving corporate and private general aviation, which project will be located in Bastrop County, at a site between the Cities of Elgin and Bastrop and within the territorial boundaries of the Elgin Independent School District.

Respectfully yours,

Bryan Bracewell
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