

May 6, 2015

Ms. Priscilla S. Cornelio Director of Transportation Pima County 201 N. Stone Ave., 4th Floor Tucson, Arizona 85701-1207

RE:

Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan (MSSR)

Conflict with TIA Master Plan

Dear Ms. Cornelio:

TAA is in receipt of your correspondence dated April 17, 2015 regarding proposed changes to the Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan (MSSR) Amendment (Alvernon Way and Swan Road). Specifically, that notice provided opportunity for comments on change of designation of these two road segments.

The Tucson Airport Authority (TAA), certificated operator of Tucson International Airport (TIA), supports the designation of these two arterials as major streets, which in turn will support the objectives of the Aerospace Parkway and Sonoran Corridor. It is TAA's understanding that the road profile of a 150-foot right-of-way can be accommodated within the existing roadway right-of-way. However, in the map associated with Case Number Co14-14-02, Alvernon Way and Swan Road are shown as continuing in a direct north/south manner, which does not reflect the "Long Term Reserve Land Development Scenario" associated with future expansion of the Tucson International Airport (TIA). In that long term plan, both Alvernon Way and Swan Road would be rerouted in a southeasterly manner around the third runway. This location is reflected in the Tucson International Airport Master Plan (2014). We have included the appropriate exhibit for your review. The 2014 airfield configuration has been in place for many years and is consistent with prior master plans.

Although this third runway expansion is long range and timing is subject to the future operational demands of TIA, short and medium-term strategic decisions are made consistent with maintaining the possibility of future airport growth. This was most recently assessed in the 2014 Master Plan. For these reasons, TAA is requesting that the alignment shown on the 2014 Tucson International Airport Master Plan be reflected in the proposed MSSR amendment. By aligning the goals and objectives of the long term planning of the County with those of the TAA, the economic development associated with the Sonoran Corridor can be realized.

Dr. John Moffatt, along with other Pima County personnel, participated in the 2014 Master Plan Update and are familiar with the coordinated planning efforts between TAA and Pima County. Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Coyle, Director of Planning (TAA) at 520-573-4811 or at tcoyle@flytucson.com.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO

cc: John Moffatt

