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November 7, 2024

Karim Webb
Board of Airport Commissioners
1 World Way
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Dear Karim Webb:

At the November 6, 2024, Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meeting, the CAC made the following motion.

Motion

CAC Recommendation of City Council Motion 24-0356 Compliance

On June 5, 2024, City Council took official action (CF 24-0356)

1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services and REQUEST Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Public Works Office of Community Beautification, and in consultation with Council District Six and the Van Nuys Airport Association, which represents Van Nuys Airport tenants, to develop a comprehensive plan for maintenance, security, and beautification of the Sherman Way Tunnel and to report with any recommendations necessary to implement the plan.
2. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the above-mentioned departments, to identify potential funding sources for implementation of a Sherman Way Tunnel Management Plan, including funding needed for ongoing cleaning and maintenance.
3. INSTRUCT the CAO to report that the Federal Aviation Administration (then Civil Aeronautics Authority) determined the Van Nuys Airport expansion project was eligible for federal airport aid; that Airport Revenue was used to fund this project which included the Sherman Way Tunnel construction; and the City's options to ensure that Airport Revenue is used to maintain the tunnel, including but not limited to graffiti abatement and security.

Whereas, it has been five (5) months since City Council requested the CAO report (#3) regarding the use of federal airport improvement fund dollars for the construction of the Sherman Way tunnel. The report is expected to clarify and confirm that use of federal airport aid supports airport revenue to upkeep and maintain the completed project - i.e. Sherman Way Tunnel's structural support (walls / ceiling) serving as runway infrastructure.

I Therefore Move, that the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council recommend compliance of above-mentioned City Council Motion 24-0356 and furthermore recommend to the Mayor, City Council and City Attorney that this report be completed and vetted in consultation between City Council and/or Council's counsel Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell (or other airport attorney firm) and distributed accordingly for public consumption.

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The motion passed with a roll call vote of ten "affirmative" votes (A. Avery, S. Bracket, R. Carranza, E. Cohen, R. Dahl, M. Harris, H. Molina, L. Petrus, P. Winger, W. Williams), zero "negative" vote, and one "abstentions" (B. Rodine).

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wayne Williams".

Wayne Williams
Vice Chair
Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council

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