Date: November 3, 2016

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager

Subject: Federal Inspection Services (FIS) Facility Feasibility Study – Release of Completed Reports

On January 19, 2016, the City Council authorized the execution of a contract with Jacobs Engineering Group (Jacobs) for the preparation of a comprehensive Feasibility Study (Study) for a potential FIS Facility at the Long Beach Airport. The Study examines the following areas relative to a FIS Facility: Market Demand, Environmental Compliance, Economic Impact, Facility Concepts, Airport Scope and Capability, Financial Feasibility, and Security Risk.

The City Council also requested that the City Attorney provide a legal opinion regarding “potential threats” to the Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance (Noise Ordinance) if a FIS Facility was built, and to further opine as to what types of mitigation could be implemented in the event that the Noise Ordinance was invalidated. The completed Study and legal opinion are available on the City’s and Airport’s websites for public review and download.

Thus far, the City has held two public meetings, the Airport Advisory Commission and the Economic Development Commission, on October 20 and October 25, 2016, respectively, to review the report. The City Council review of the report was tentatively scheduled for November 15. To allow for additional time for review and collection of public input, and to ensure all Councilmembers can be in attendance, the City Council is now scheduled to receive the presentation and public input from the two commission meetings and consider the potential for a FIS facility on December 13, 2016.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please contact me at (562) 570-6916.

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