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MEMORANDUM

To: Colleagues
From: Cindy Chavez, Supervisor, District 2 
Date: December 3, 2018
Re: 12/4/2018 Board Agenda Item 19 – Airport Business Plan

It is not our custom and practice to preview our motions on Board agenda items, but the eight-part motion that I intend to make is complex enough that I want to make it available early so that you and your staff and the public will have the opportunity for thoughtful review and analysis before the meeting.

As you know, Item 19 culminates a long and robust airport planning process – a transparent process that has assured many opportunities for the public to contribute their views.

- This process has included two evening community meetings near Reid-Hillview Airport and two more evening community meetings near San Martin Airport.
- The Airport Business Plan process has been discussed at several meetings of our Airports Commission.
- Our HLUET Committee has held an evening hearing dedicated to this topic alone.
- Individual board members have also met with interested parties.

After listening to the varied views of the public so far and after reviewing the draft Airports Business Plan and staff recommendations, I intend to make a motion that is substantially influenced by the suggestion by Supervisor Cortese at the special HLUET hearing regarding the potential upgrading of San Martin Airport, so the County's aviation could thrive there.

My intended motion is detailed below.

Adopt Alternative Recommendation, as amended below:

- a) Approve a policy statement that the County will not apply for Airport Improvement Program grants for Reid-Hillview Airport and will make General Fund-funded improvements required to operate Reid-Hillview safely.
- b) Direct the County Executive or designee to accept \$1 million in FAA entitlement funding related to the airfield repaving project at San Martin Airport to help pay down the outstanding General Fund loan.
- c) Direct the County Executive to apply for property releases at Reid-Hillview Airport from the FAA consistent with the Business Plan Update.
- d) Invite the City of San Jose to engage within the next two years in joint planning for the Reid-Hillview/Eastridge area, including possible alternative uses of Reid-Hillview after 2031.
- e) Develop a plan, including a transparent community engagement process, to consolidate the County's aviation uses at San Martin Airport, based on Alternative 3 in the Board-adopted 2006 South County Airport Master Plan as updated to include tower and navigation capacity to meet current standards.
- f) Develop a plan to implement any necessary improvements to ensure adequate traffic flow and safety on East San Martin Avenue and Highway 101 and adjacent roadways.
- g) Establish a Capital Plan to implement the improvements at the San Martin Airport, including both General Fund-funded and FAA-funded improvements.
- h) Direct the County Executive to report back to the Board with a recommended plan to analyze and address any concerns regarding airborne lead and associated concerns.