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City of San José to Use Airport Curfew Funds for Community Programs

City Council resolution to support local Airport neighborhoods

San José, CA – The San José City Council at its November 21 meeting approved a resolution to allow Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) to spend \$303,000 in curfew funds to support a variety of community programs related to the environment, noise and education. The funds were collected from fines to airport operators who had violated the nighttime noise curfew. SJC turned to those who are most affected by curfew violators – the community – for suggestions.

Last May, the airport asked the community to suggest projects to be funded by the curfew fund revenue that could meet the following criteria: offer some benefit to the community, be related to operations at the airport, enhance the interaction of the airport with the community, and enhance the relationship between neighbors and the airport.

“While working with the airlines to decrease the number of curfew violations, we are pleased to make these funds available to help improve the quality of life for our neighbors near the airport,” said Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation. “The City Council resolution builds on the partnership that currently exists between the local community and the airport.”

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Last week the San José City Council approved the resolution establishing a policy for the use of airport curfew funds as well as the four programs recommended by the Commission. The four recommended programs include:

- The Fly Quiet Program, an incentive program for encouraging airlines to work at providing the community with a quieter environment.
- Airport Internship Program, which offers students who are studying to be future aviation professionals with a semester stipend to gain on-the-job experience at the airport.
- Alternative Fuel Grant Program provides ground transportation providers at SJC with financial support toward converting their gasoline vehicles to compressed natural gas, which will result in lower emissions.
- Guadalupe River Park and Gardens, provides the funds to facilitate the development of design guidelines for the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens Master Plan to advance the projects for community enhancement.

Under Federal Law, the Airport Curfew Funds may be used only for expenditures that are directly and substantially related to the operation of the airport. From a total of 44 submissions of project ideas, SJC staff narrowed the list to a variety of transportation, environment, noise, airport facility improvements and educational programs. After public input, the Airport Commission selected the four programs based on the overall merit and the availability of funds and approved a recommendation to City Council that these four programs be funded using the curfew fund revenue.

While SJC has collected over \$300,000 in citation fines, curfew violations are decreasing and annual revenue from the program is predicted to level off below \$50,000. For this reason, the Airport Commission sought projects with relatively low annual costs.

About Mineta San José International Airport

Mineta San José International Airport (SJC), a self-supporting enterprise, is owned and operated by the City of San José. SJC served 10.8 million passengers and handled

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approximately 210 million pounds of air cargo in 2005. SJC has 182 flights a day on 13 domestic and international carriers to 30 nonstop destinations.

Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport is located in San José, California's 3rd largest city and the nation's 10th largest city (population of 944,943).

The Airport generates \$132.3 million in operating revenue. Mineta San José International Airport also generates \$4 billion in direct business spending in the local community and 70,000 jobs in the San José Area.

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