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**CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
EXPANSION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT**

The San Francisco Airport Commission has proposed an expansion of its airport, which includes alternatives for substantial new fill in San Francisco Bay. The proposed expansion is considered necessary by the Airport to reduce delays in compliance with federal regulations regarding runway separation for operations during bad weather and poor visibility. The project is also planned to address aircraft noise. The final configuration of new runways is not known at this time, but the discussions which have been conducted have involved potential placement of two to three square miles of fill in the Bay. If authorized, this would be the largest new Bay fill project in the last thirty years. The Airport is also considering the means to mitigate for impacts resulting from the project.

The State Lands Commission may be requested to issue a long-term lease for construction and operation of the airport expansion. It has been proposed that the Commission conduct a public hearing in the San Francisco area to hear background information related to the project. The hearing would include testimony regarding the current operation of the Airport, the reasons for the project, along with discussion of the regulatory agencies which will be involved with the possible expansion. The public will also be invited to testify on these issues. If so directed by the Commission, the staff will review possible meeting locations, and will schedule a public hearing in October of this year.

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