

Presented by: The Assembly
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2188

A Resolution Urging the Federal Aviation Administration to Consider a Better Approach to Runway Safety Areas in Juneau.

WHEREAS, in October of 1999, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued Order 5200.8, which established the agency's Runway Safety Area (RSA) program, and

WHEREAS, the RSA program is intended to improve airport safety by providing a measure of safety in the event of aircraft excursions from the runway, and

WHEREAS, the Order requires that implementation of the RSA program at any airport be preceded by a determination of the need for and practicability of a new RSA, and

WHEREAS Section 8(a)(2) of the Order specifies that the determination be based on the best, current available information, provided that information generated after the determination can effect changes in the determination, and

WHEREAS, the FAA has proposed that the Juneau International Airport be subject to an RSA requirement that would adjust the markings on the existing runway so that the landing and takeoff zones would be reduced by as much as 870 feet, and

WHEREAS, the process leading up to this proposal did not adequately address the purpose, need, or practicability of the RSA project in Juneau, nor has it been augmented by newly available information, and

WHEREAS, a more thorough determination, based on new and available information would establish that Juneau is highly dependent on aviation for its own needs and for the needs of Alaskans who wish to access their state capital, and

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WHEREAS, a redetermination would establish that a shortened runway could:

1. reduce the maximum takeoff and landing weight of aircraft, thus decreasing availability and increasing the cost of air transportation;
2. reduce the number of large jet flights per year;
3. curtail or eliminate Juneau's utility as an alternate landing site for jets bound from Anchorage to Seattle; and
4. reduce the attractiveness of Juneau as a market for domestic and international cargo and passenger service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly urges the Federal Aviation Administration to reconsider its determination regarding Runway Safety Areas at the Juneau International Airport.

Section 2. The Assembly pledges its support for identifying alternative methods to enhance runway safety without degrading the availability and efficiency of air access to Alaska's Capital City.

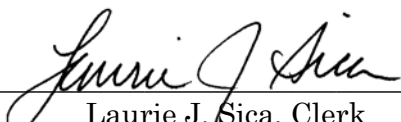
Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 13th day of January, 2003.



Sally Smith, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk

Vote: Unanimous