Turnagain Community Council Resolution Concerning Proposed Airport Development along Point Woronzof Drive

WHEREAS, Alaska CargoPort LLC and D & D Enterprises have applied to the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport for leases on undeveloped property on the northern boundary of the Airport along Point Woronzof Drive;

WHEREAS, Alaska CargoPort LLC proposes development of four additional hard stands for four heavy cargo aircraft such as the 747-400 as well as public vehicle parking;

WHEREAS, D & D Enterprises has submitted an alternative lease proposal for the area just north of Lot 1D, Block 27 (leased by Alaska CargoPort) to build a three-bay hangar with office space and aircraft parking area for 737 type aircraft maintenance and overnight parking;

WHEREAS, the Airport has not done an analysis of the increased airplane traffic, ground or air noise, increased traffic on Northern Lights Blvd or other community impacts posed by the proposed developments;

WHEREAS, the area proposed for development is a large tree-covered knoll between the Airport and Point Wornozof Drive that acts as a visual, noise and aesthetic buffer between the Airport and Pt. Woronzof Drive and the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail;

WHEREAS, these natural undeveloped areas on the periphery of the Airport act, in part, to mitigate air pollution, noise and other impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, the plans that accompany the two applications do not identify any noise mitigation structures or measures;

WHEREAS, the buffer proposed by the Airport is limited to 150 feet from the center of Point Woronzof Drive and most of that area is already cleared as part of the Chugach Electric substation and pipeline utility right of ways;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is proceeding with the development of a West Anchorage District Plan that will address land use in this area and the Turnagain Community Council believes it would be beneficial to both the community and the Airport to engage in this planning process prior to further expansion of the Airport into undeveloped areas;

WHEREAS, after large increases in air traffic over the past 15 years, the Airport has experienced a recent 18% decrease in air cargo tonnage because of the global economic downturn;

WHEREAS, the two lease applicants have asked the Airport that action not be taken on their applications at this time because of economic issues;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Turnagain Community Council opposes approval of any leases at this location until these global concerns are addressed.

Resolution adopted by a vote of 11 in favor and 0 opposed at the January 8, 2009 Meeting of the Turnagain Community Council

Attested to January 10, 2009

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