

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-347  
AUGUST 19, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
FINAL REPORT ON AIRPORT PARKING AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL LAND FOR AIRPORT PARKING	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM F. FLANNERY AVIATION DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS —**

Based on the study by RAMP Associates, there is an immediate need to develop parking within reasonable walking distance to the Passenger Terminal Building. The study recommends the construction of a 1,429-space, multi-level parking structure which is estimated to cost \$17.3 million. In order to meet parking demands during the construction of a multi-level parking structure, the study further recommends the expansion of an off-Airport parking lot by approximately 330 spaces.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Funding for the study by RAMP Associates has been provided from the Airport's FY96 and FY97 Operating Budgets. The Airport Board has authorized the initiation of an increase to the long-term parking rate from \$5 per day to \$7 per day to provide additional parking revenues necessary to finance the proposed planning and design services and the land acquisition costs. The final report from RAMP Associates indicates that new Airport debt necessary to construct a \$17.3 million parking garage is financially feasible and supportable from current and projected Airport parking revenues.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Concur in the action by the Des Moines International Airport Board to initiate the selection of a firm to provide engineering and architectural services to plan and design a parking garage at the Airport and to authorize the acquisition of the property at 1901 Army Post Road by gift, purchase, or eminent domain.

**BACKGROUND —**

Over the last 12 months, the Des Moines International Airport has experienced a growth in airline passengers of 25 percent as compared to the previous 12-month period (see attachment). Passengers for FY96 totaled 1,794,488. Based on the results of their study, RAMP Associates has projected that passenger growth at Des Moines will continue at a rate of 2.5 percent annually.

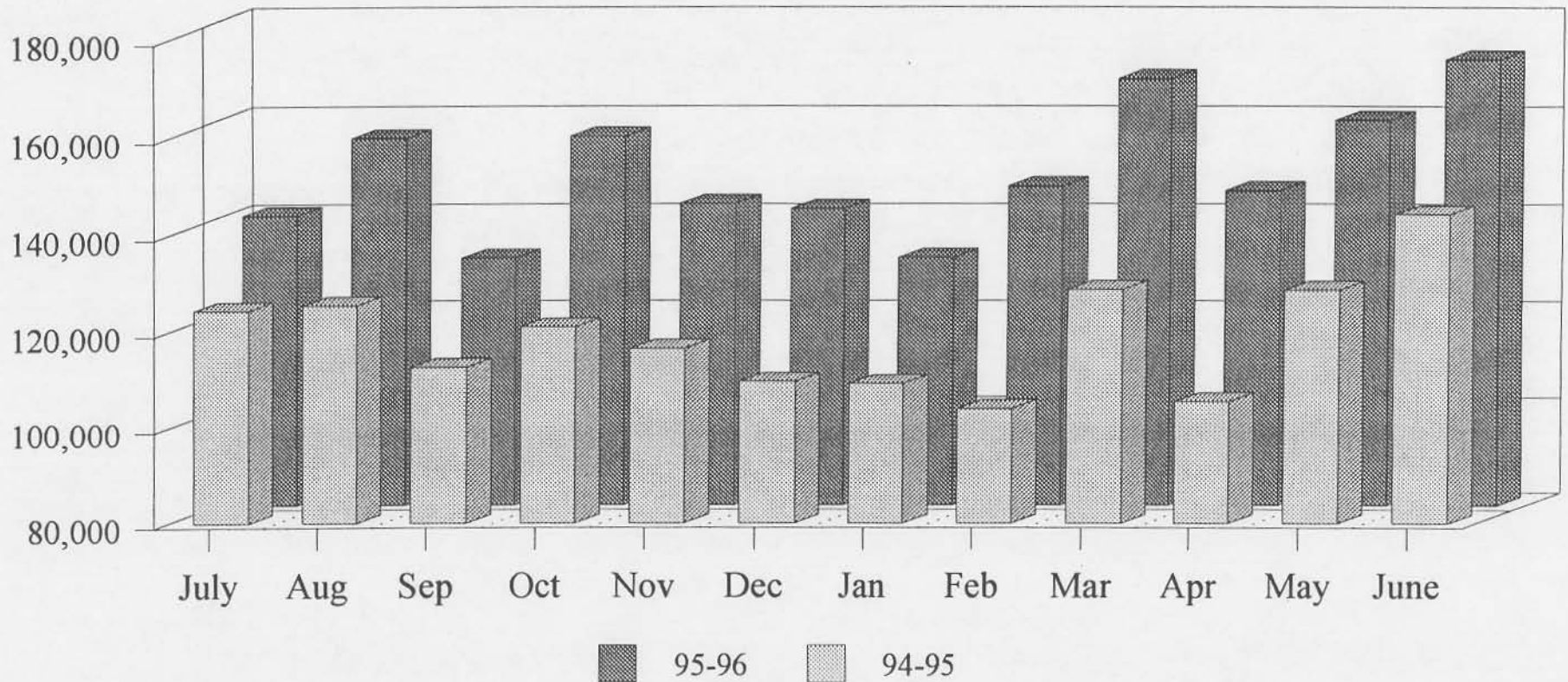
In order to assess parking trends, current and future parking needs, and develop a long-term plan to handle future growth, on February 6, 1996, the Airport Board by Resolution No. A96-42, authorized the negotiation of a professional services agreement with RAMP Associates to provide a parking demand/feasibility analysis for the Des Moines International Airport. On March 6, 1996, by Resolution No. A96-65, the Airport Board approved a professional services agreement with RAMP Associates to perform the desired Airport parking analysis. RAMP's final report (attached), presented to the Airport Board at the August 6, 1996, Airport Board meeting, indicates an immediate need to develop parking within walking distance to the Passenger Terminal Building through the construction of a 1,429 space, multi-level parking structure estimated to cost \$17.3 million. In order to meet parking demands during

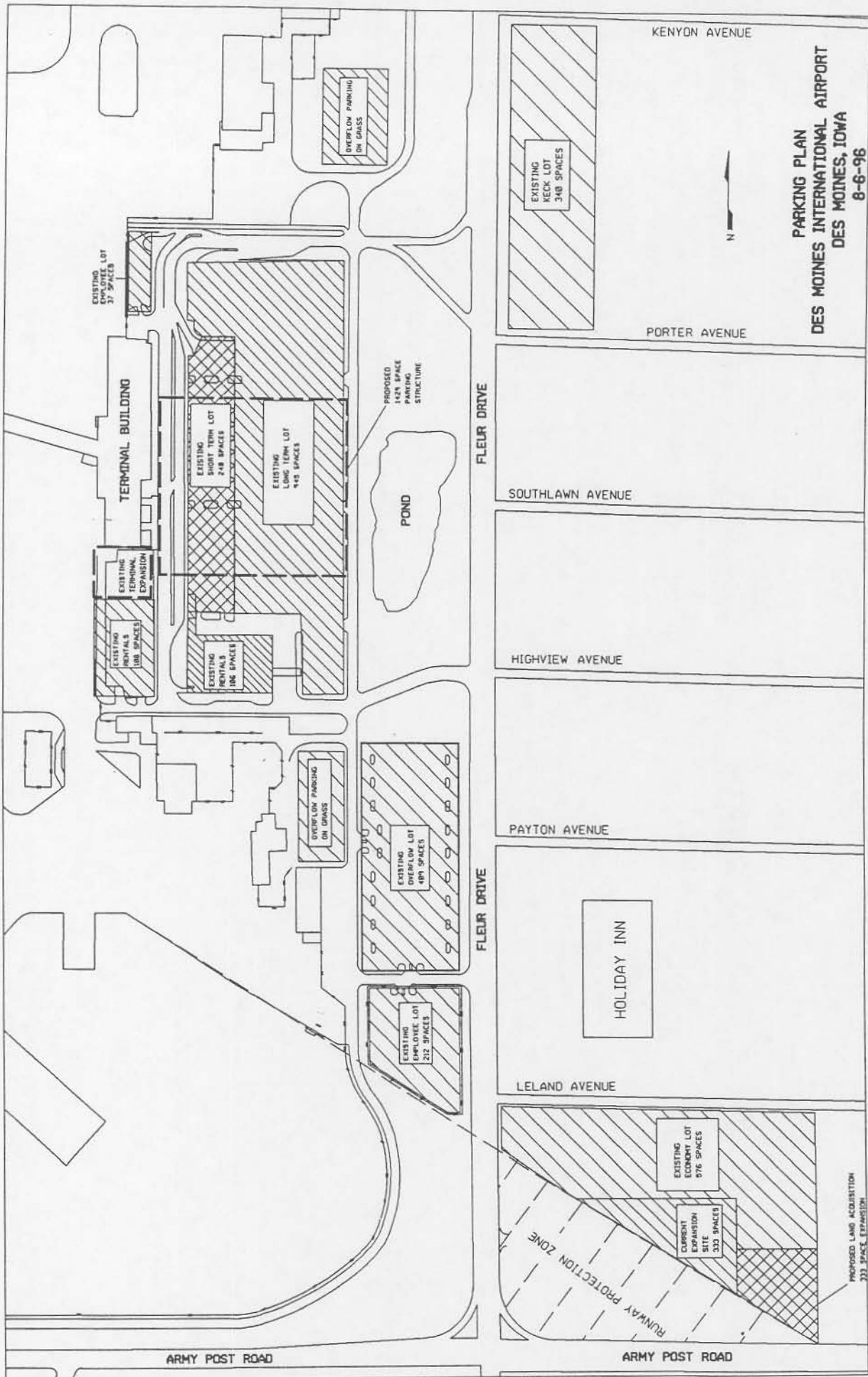
the construction of a parking structure, RAMP further recommends the future expansion of off-Airport parking lot by approximately 330 spaces. The logical location for such an expansion is adjacent to an existing economy lot which will require that one additional parcel of land at 1901 Army Post Road, currently used by Budget Rent-A-Car, be acquired (see attached diagram).

# Des Moines International Airport Monthly Passenger Traffic

Passengers

Most Recent Twelve Months





PARKING PLAN  
 DES MOINES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
 DES MOINES, IOWA  
 8-6-96