

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-037
JANUARY 20, 1997 AGENDA

| SUBJECT: | TYPE: | SUBMITTED BY: |
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| RESCIND AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE 1901 ARMY POST ROAD | ◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE | WILLIAM F. FLANNERY AVIATION DIRECTOR |

SYNOPSIS —

On August 19, 1996, by Roll Call No. 2927, the Council authorized the acquisition of the property at 1901 Army Post Road to allow the existing Airport Economy Parking Lot to be expanded by 330 spaces to accommodate the need for additional surface parking during construction of a multi-level parking structure at the Airport. The property owner was then notified of the City's intent to acquire the property. The Airport Board has now approved an alternated temporary parking plan which allows for converting existing Airport parking lots, which are currently used for rental car storage and employee parking, to public parking and construct a new employee lot on existing Airport property.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The estimated cost to acquire 1901 Army Post Road and develop 330 temporary parking spaces is \$1.1 to \$1.3 million. The estimated cost to develop the necessary temporary parking on the Airport is \$300,000 to \$350,000. The alternative plan provides a savings of approximately \$800,000 to \$950,000. The cost of the alternative plan is also within the existing Capital Improvement Program Budget.

RECOMMENDATION —

It is recommended that the Council rescind the authorization to acquire 1901 Army Post Road and inform the owner that the property is no longer needed for this proposed Airport project.

BACKGROUND —

On August 6, 1996, the Airport Board approved the construction of a parking structure at the Des Moines International Airport. On August 19, 1996, the City Council concurred with the Airport Board's approval for the construction of a parking structure and to select a consultant to provide engineering and architectural services to plan and design the structure. The Council also approved the acquisition of 1901 Army Post Road to provide additional temporary surface parking during the construction of the multi-level parking structure at the Airport. Ramp Associates was approved by the Airport Board on November 12, 1996, to provide the engineering and architectural services. On January 7, 1997, after an analysis of alternative parking possibilities, the Airport Board approved an alternative temporary parking plan. The alternative parking plan will convert existing Airport parking lots, which are currently used for rental car storage and employee parking, to public parking and construct a new employee lot on existing Airport property.