



Council Communication No. 97-332

SYNOPSIS –

The United States Government for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has presented a request for approval to the City of Supplement No. 17 to the Master Site Lease (DOT-FA70CE-5359) for the installation of navigation equipment associated with qualifying Runway 31R as a Category II Instrument Runway. The installation of the subject equipment will greatly increase the approach navigational aids to Runway 31R. Supplement No. 17 allows the FAA to proceed with the installation of the subject equipment and removal of obsolete equipment. The installation of this navigational aid is a necessary and welcomed upgrade to the Airport's navigation system.

FISCAL IMPACT –

There will be no fiscal impact to the City. Supplement No. 17 will not generate any direct revenue. By requirements set forth in the FAA grant assurances with the City, the FAA is allowed to install air navigation aids on the Airport with no monetary compensation to the City. However, the increase in navigation aids will increase usage of the Airport.

RECOMMENDATION –

On June 3, 1997, by Resolution A97-146, the Des Moines International Airport Board recommended approval to City Council of Supplement No. 17 to the Master Site Lease between the City and the FAA. Because the FAA Master Site Lease has more than three years remaining, Supplement No. 17 to the FAA Master Site Lease must be approved by the City Council.

BACKGROUND –

The FAA and the City of Des Moines entered into a Master Site Lease (DOT-FA70CE-5359) for Navigational Aids at Des Moines International Airport on December 12, 1969, by Roll Call No. 5511. Over the years the Master Site Lease has been supplemented to include necessary changes in the navigational aid system.