



CITY OF OXNARD

MEMORANDUM

BRIEFING REPORT
To Council
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April 16, 1974

To: City *Manager*
From: Planning Director
SUBJECT: Proposed FAA Project

This is in response to your memorandum of April 10, 1974 concerning remarks which Mr. Lorbeer made before the City Council on April 9, 1974 in reference to certain projects which the FAA proposed at the Ventura County Airport at Oxnard.

There are two projects presently being implemented to make the Ventura County Airport at Oxnard safer. The first of these is a Medium Approach Light System which is proposed to be installed by August of 1974. The principle purpose of the lighting system will be to reduce the number of misapproached landings. The M.A.L.S. will not reduce the minimum landing requirements because of projections into the required clear zone which is supposed to be 750 feet on either side of the center line runway. It is my understanding that two of the fixtures of the M.A.L.S. will project easterly of Ventura Road and that FAA has been in contact with the property owner relative to leasing ground for the installation.

A second facility to improve the safety of the airport is the installation of a proposed Instrument Landing System, which is supposed to be operational by March of 1975. The main advantage of the I.L.S. is that it will reduce the area over the City now getting "flyovers" during landings, because of the requirement that approaching aircraft maintain a predetermined transmitted course. Like the M.A.L.S., the I.L.S. will not reduce the minimum landing requirements because of the projections into the clear zone which would require a major acquisition of private property and removal of structures both on the south and north side of the runway.

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The middle marker of the I.L.S. system will be east of Ventura Road in the vicinity of the high school but to my knowledge, no negotiations have been undertaken to acquire private property.

I understand that Mr. Lorbeer's remarks were in the context that the City Council should amend their position recommending the shortening of the runway because of the impending installation of these two landing systems. On the contrary, if the runway were shortened, then neither the lighting fixtures nor the outer marker would have to be constructed easterly of Ventura Road.

The City Staff is preparing a joint study to be financed by FAA and conducted by the Planning Department and the Ventura County Department of Harbors, relative to desirable future standards of development in operation of the Ventura County Airport at Oxnard. We will be bringing this study to the City Council for their information and appropriate action at an early date. It may be desirable, should the City Council elect to pursue this study, to ask the County to withhold installing both the M.A.L.S. and the I.L.S. until the study is completed.


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