

## Legislation Text

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### **Federal Aviation Administration Memorandum of Agreement Amendment for Historical Structure Preservation Activities**

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve an amendment to a Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and City of Charlotte for historic structure preservation activities, and**
- B. Approve payment of \$450,000 to the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office to support historic preservation activities.**

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

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#### **Explanation**

- In 2000 the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) conducted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) related to Airport development of the western runway (18R/36L) and identified five properties that could qualify for historic status (primarily due to age and other factors).
- The FAA negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (NCSHPO) related to the EIS and the Aviation Department agreed to and signed-off on the MOA.
- The agreement stated that the Aviation Department was to preserve-in-place the five historic structures.
- Of the five original structures covered in the MOA:
  - One structure was destroyed by fire before the Aviation Department purchased the property from the owner.
  - The Aviation Department purchased the properties associated with two of the structures; but those two structures remained vacant and became structurally unsafe and the Aviation Department demolished the structures.
  - Two structures remain intact but the Aviation Department does not own the properties or structures.
- The 2000 EIS also identified an area to the South of the Airport that the Aviation Department could pursue for voluntary acquisition due to aircraft noise impacts on the area - this area is referred to as the Master Plan Land - South area.
- Since 2000 the Aviation Department has been purchasing properties in the Master Plan Land - South area and has identified four additional structures that need to be included in the original MOA with the FAA and NCSHPO.
- The current status of the four new structures is:
  - One structure is privately owned and occupied by the current property owner
  - One structure is owned by the Aviation Department and is currently intact but vacant
  - One structure is owned by the Aviation Department, but was moved by the previous owner and is in poor condition
  - One structure was/is listed on the National Register of Historic places, however, the previous owner moved the structure from its original location and, after the Aviation Department purchased the property which the structure was relocated to, the structure was

destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation and not known at this time.

- The purpose of this amendment to the existing MOA is to revise the MOA based on the current status of the five original structures and the identification of the four new structures.
- Also included in the new MOA is a revision of the MOA's previous approach of preserve-in-place to document and remove/demolish the remaining structures.
- The MOA also provides funding to the NCSHPO from Aviation funds in the amount of \$450,000 to help support the NCSHPO's preservation activities in the Charlotte region and State of North Carolina.
- The \$450,000 funding is 100% eligible and approved for payment from Passenger Facility Charges associated with the 2000 EIS project approval.
- The properties impacted by this MOA are located in Council District 3 and unincorporated Mecklenburg County

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: Aviation Community Investment Plan

**Attachment(s)**

Map