

INTRODUCTORY LETTERS OF SUPPORT

FROM THE DESK OF MATT HALL

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Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Small Community Air Service Development Program
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Reference: Docket DOT-OST-2016-0037

Subject: Support for SCASDP Grant for McClellan-Palomar Airport (CLD)

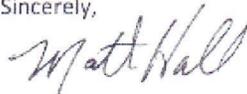
Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express my support for the County of San Diego's request for federal funding through the Small Community Air Service Development Program grant. These funds would be used to recruit new commercial airline services at McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad, California; a non-hub airport owned and operated by the County of San Diego. The airport has been operating without commercial air service for about a year, but is fully prepared for such service to begin immediately.

Commercial airline service out of McClellan-Palomar Airport would provide numerous benefits to the city, its residents, businesses and visitors. A recent True Market Study revealed that the Carlsbad area has an average of 5,180 passengers per day each way, and that 99% of them drive to other airports for their flights. The nearest airport is San Diego International, which is approximately 35 miles away and can often take more than an hour to get to under typical traffic conditions. The next closest is John Wayne Airport in Orange County, which is nearly 60 miles away, and again, about an hour's drive from Carlsbad. And finally, Los Angeles International Airport is close to 100 miles away and typically takes about two hours to get to.

McClellan-Palomar Airport is conveniently and strategically located close to major transportation corridors, employment centers, residential populations and tourist destinations. This grant proposal has my support due to its potential for facilitating regional economic development efforts by encouraging businesses to locate and remain in the area. In addition, I believe this proposal has the potential to reduce traffic congestion across San Diego County by providing effective, efficient and much-needed transportation alternatives to the region. I strongly encourage your support for this proposal.

Sincerely,



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