



Southwest Airlines' Proposal for Expansion of International Flight Service at William P. Hobby Airport



Timeline

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- **Early 2011**
 - Southwest Airlines indicated internal studies were beginning concerning international flights out of Houston Hobby
- **Late 2011**
 - Southwest Airlines indicated studies were positive
- **January 2012**
 - Southwest told to formalize request to Houston Airport System
- **February 2012**
 - Senior level meetings held between City of Houston and Southwest Airlines
 - City initiated various internal studies
- **March 2012**
 - Meeting with Southwest Airlines to confirm the key assumptions and output of the models developed
 - Preparation of draft report and recommendations
 - Released draft reports to the airlines at Houston Hobby and IAH
- **April 2012**
 - Report from Director of Aviation to the Mayor and City Council providing Director's recommendations
- **May/June 2012**
 - Submit matter for public and possible council consideration

Issues from Initial Report/Public Discussions Southwest Airlines Proposal for Expansion of International Flight Service at William P. Hobby Airport

- Hobby is a Federally designated International Airport and has been for decades
- A new Hobby International Terminal has been in the City's Capital Plans for over 10 years
- The City cannot regulate competition
- The City will expect Customs and Border Protection to provide necessary resources for whatever international service provided
- An agreement has not been reached with Southwest but expect to initiate negotiations "in good faith"

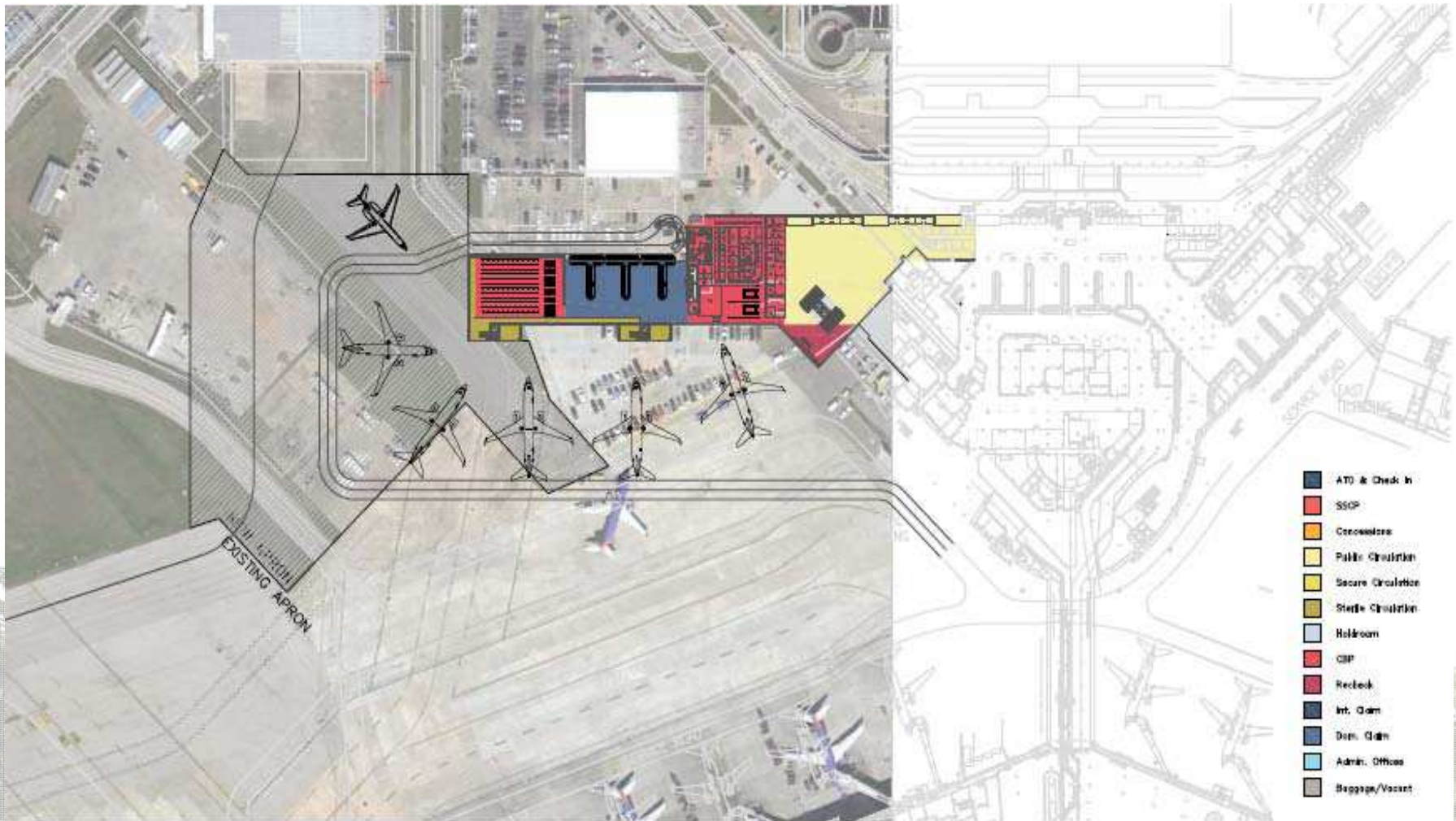
Proposed FIS Facility Houston Hobby

- 5 Gate Facility
- General Aviation (GA) Pad for CBP Clearance of International GA Flights
- No runway expansions are planned
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Facility with Capacity of 400 Passengers Per Hour
- Gates sized for all 737 and A320 Variants

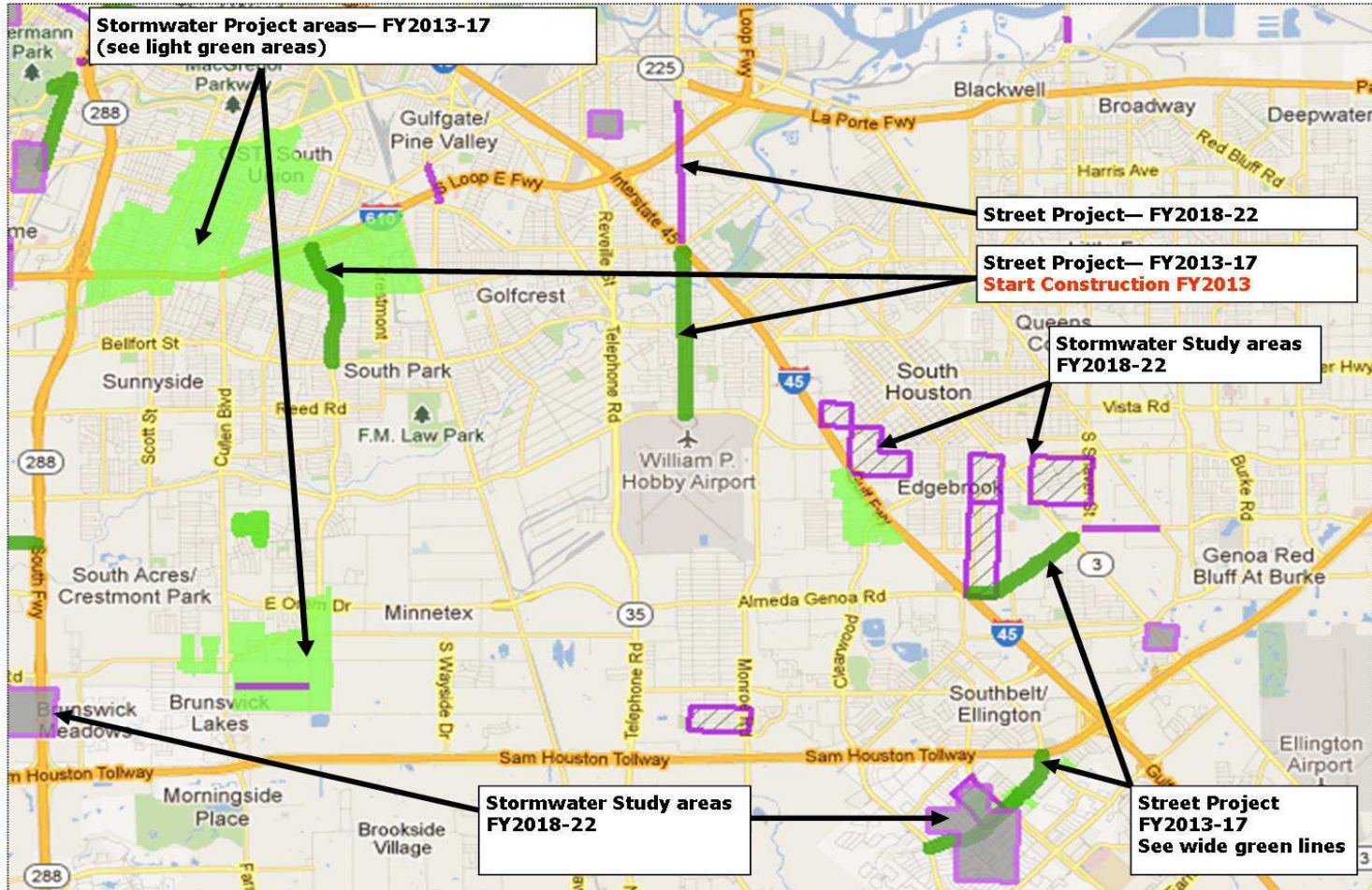
Potential 5 International Gate Operation Houston Hobby



Lower Level Houston Hobby



Hobby Airport Area Capital Improvement Projects



If Mayor places item on Council Agenda

Considerations for City Council Determination

- Legal Framework for decision making
 - Does a potential contract provide “reasonable access?”
- Economic Impact on our Citizens
 - Ticket prices
 - Efficiency of all operations
- Impact on City facilities and area employment

Pertinent Material

- <http://www.fly2houston.com/hobbyinternational>
 - Recommendation of the Director of Aviation on Southwest Airlines request for expansion of Federal Inspection Facilities at Hobby Airport.
 - Copy of the two independent [studies](#) that were commissioned to evaluate the economic impact on the City of Houston from international flights operated by Southwest Airlines.