

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-1462

COUNCIL SPONSOR: STEFANCIK/PRESIDENT PROVIDED BY: FINANCE DEPT.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT'S APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT - DIVISION OF AVIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE ACTION PLAN, UPDATING THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN AND PRELIMINARY LAND ASSESSMENT FOR ST. TAMMANY REGIONAL AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft, and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation ("LA DOTD-DOA") (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public, and,

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government, hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the St. Tammany Regional Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD-DOA is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargements of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

**SECTION I**

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD-DOA provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the St. Tammany Regional Airport specifically described as:

Update Action Plan and Update Airport Layout Plan for Alternative 2, as preferred by FAA. See detailed description in Exhibit A and map on Exhibit B, attached. The updates will be performed at an estimated cost of \$113,090.

Preliminary land assessment for the seventy acres to the west of the current airport, including survey, appraisal, environmental assessment and title search, as able to be funded by the remaining \$44,805.

**SECTION II**

The Sponsor does hereby appoint and authorize LA DOTD-DOA to act as agent for the Sponsor for the following purposes:

To provide financial assistance to the Sponsor in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total cost necessary for the completion of the described improvement to match other funds to be provided by the FAA which may amount to ninety-five percent (95%) of the total project costs.

**SECTION III**

That the said LA DOTD-DOA, be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

**SECTION IV**

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD-DOA, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD-DOA, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD-DOA as a result of this project.

**SECTION V**

That the Chief Administrative Officer of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

**SECTION VI**

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

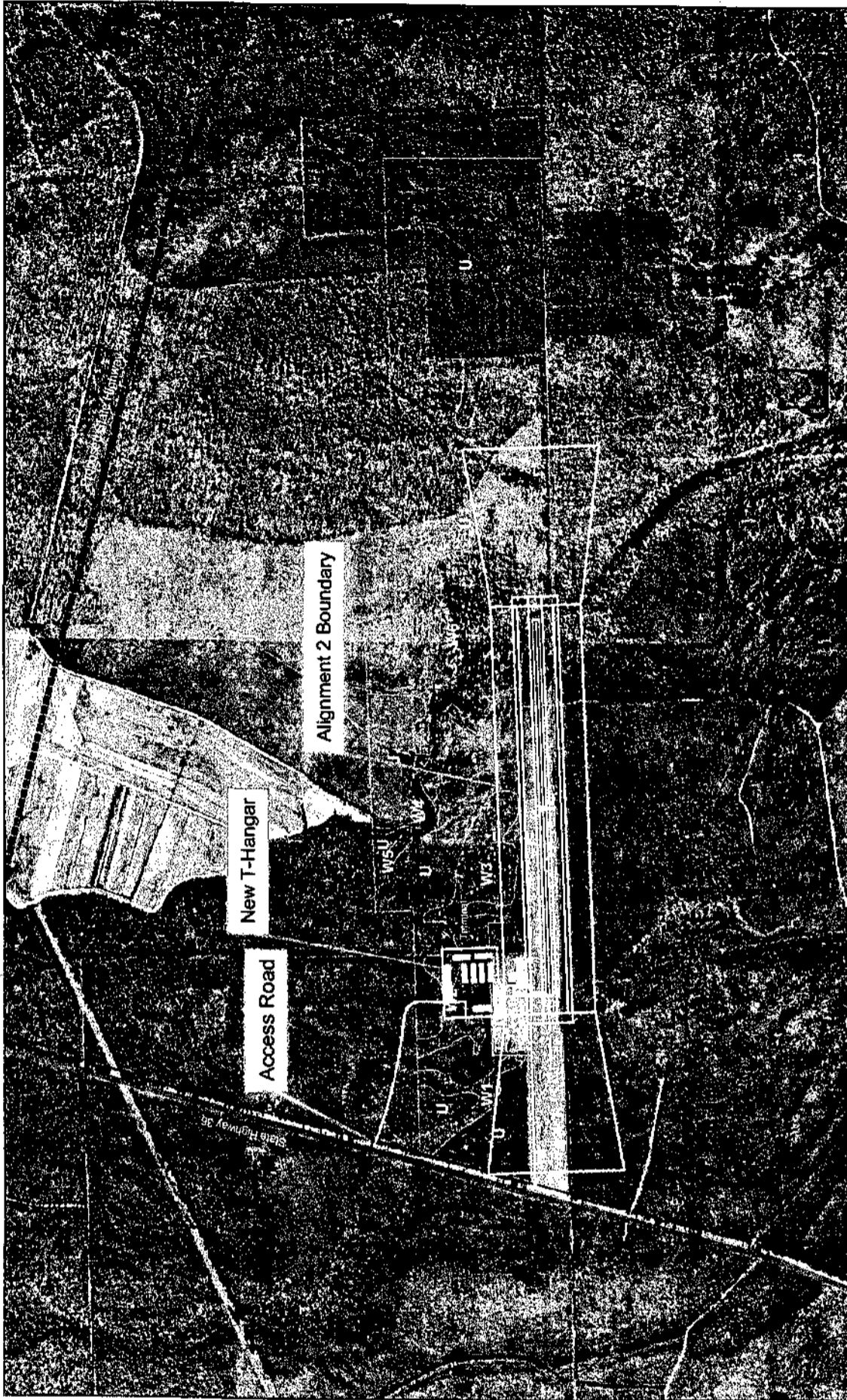
THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

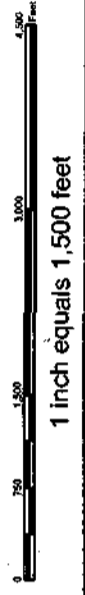
NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



**St. Tammany Regional Airport Development Study**  
Wetland Impacts for Alternative 2



**Legend**

- Road
- Wetland

**Exhibit IV-2**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION - EXHIBIT A  
UPDATE ACTION PLAN, UPDATE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN,  
AND PRELIMINARY LAND ASSESSMENT  
ST. TAMMANY REGIONAL AIRPORT**

A draft airport development study, followed by the completion of an Environmental Assessment yielding a Finding of No Significant Impact by the Federal Aviation Administration, has previously identified the practical aspects of the role of the **St. Tammany Regional Airport** and the systematic development of that airport to meet the forecasted aviation demands of the parish and surrounding area. These Action Plan and Airport Layout Plan updates must be performed to reflect the latest information available to facilitate the development of the airport based upon Alternative 2 as described in the aforementioned Environmental Assessment. A Preliminary Land Assessment of the seventy acres to the west of the current airport will be performed with the remaining funds in the grant.

The existing airport is located in an undeveloped area of the parish. This will likely make the airport better suited for development due to fewer anticipated environmental and aeronautical challenges. A local developer owns property to the east and south of the airport and has provided the Parish with a Letter of Commitment to donate parcels of land necessary to accommodate the expansion of the airport. Further, this study may reveal the need to purchase undeveloped property to the east to accommodate future airport expansion.

The LA DOTD, Office of Highways, is planning a major, multi-lane highway from Bogalusa to I-12. Preliminary planning indicates that the roadway will be located less than one mile from the existing eastern boundary of the airport. This will provide an ideal ingress and egress route for the airport as it develops and activity increases. The Parish itself has already experienced unprecedented population growth (approximately 35% from 1990 to 2000). That growth has come principally from the Greater New Orleans area south of Lake Pontchartrain. A continued high rate of residential, commercial and business growth is expected for the foreseeable future. History indicates that improvements such as better roads and improved parish infrastructure can generate industrial, commercial and residential development.

It is now time for the Parish to proactively plan the airport's future by identifying and acquiring needed land, changing zoning to airport compatible uses, and developing overall land use compatibility measures. These actions should be designed to prevent the airport from being restrained in use and growth. It can then effectively serve the long-term aviation needs of the Parish's residents as well as its commercial and industrial facilities.

Although the number of based aircraft at the airport has fallen off during the last few years, statistics indicate that there are 176 registered aircraft owners in St. Tammany Parish. Development of the airport is likely to lure many of these owners to operate here instead of basing their aircraft elsewhere. There are 14 aircraft based at the airport currently with a waiting list of eleven (or more) for hangar space. The Parish has also identified a Fixed Base Operator. With improved

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infrastructure, the fixed base operator and those aircraft owners could be accommodated allowing the Parish to increase its revenue stream. The resulting benefits would extend throughout the Parish.

If the **St. Tammany Regional Airport** is properly developed to provide facilities necessary to serve the needs of the aircraft owners and pilots, then it would be reasonable to assume that aircraft awaiting relocation will do so, and that future growth of the surrounding area and the entire Parish will follow.