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## **CONSENSUS BUILDING PROCESS FOR AIRPORT FUTURE LAUNCHED FOLLOWING JOINT ADOPTION OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH CITY OF BURBANK**

*Presentations Scheduled with Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena City Councils to Present Outline of  
Three-Year Process to Move Forward with Positive Change*

BURBANK, Calif., October 18, 2011 – The Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority has scheduled presentations to the city councils of the three member cities of the Authority to outline the principles of a collaborative process to be followed over the next three years aimed at achieving a consensus plan for the future of Bob Hope Airport. The outline was first made public at the Airport Authority’s October 3 meeting and will be taken to the city councils between now and November 1.

“Today, I think, represents a ground-breaking day for this Commission, for the City of Burbank and for the communities that surround the Airport,” said Executive Director Dan Feger. Feger cited the mutual agreement reached last month to extend the 2005 Development Agreement between the City and the Authority from its original 2012 end date to 2015 as the key to enabling the coming process to create a consensus-based vision of the Airport’s future.

“We think there are lots of opportunities to shape the future of the Airport in a way that will balance the economic vitality of this airport and the responsibility to protect the quality of life of the people who live in the community,” Feger said.

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Feger emphasized that the fundamental strategy of the upcoming dialogue and outreach is to engage the community, the cities and other interested parties so that the Airport's future is determined in partnership with them through achieving consensus.

The Development Agreement extension created time for the process, and also provided for public discussion of a new terminal at the Airport, Feger said. The City and the Authority have also established the Airport Land Use Working Group (ALUWG) comprised of staff members of the two agencies to jointly identify issues and recommend courses of action to the two policy-making bodies in the consensus effort.

Initial goals set out by the ALUWG include addressing nighttime noise protection, FAA safety concerns about the current passenger terminal location, improving ground access and traffic mitigation near the Airport, and future uses of the former Lockheed B-6 property located north of the Airport's Remote Parking Lot A along Hollywood Way.

To prepare for implementing its outreach plan, the ALUWG is selecting a firm to benchmark the community's current knowledge and opinions about the Airport through accepted scientific research methodologies. The results of that study will be publicly presented to the Burbank City Council and the Airport Authority in the first quarter of 2012.

The findings will guide extensive outreach to engage in two-way communication with all interested parties that is intended to work toward creating consensus for the future of the Airport. The objective is the presentation of a final Consensus Plan to the Airport Authority, the city councils of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena and the public prior to the expiration of the Development Agreement in March 2015.