

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Waiving Fiscal Feasibility Study and Determination Requirements - Airport Development Plan, Except for Individual Projects as Required by Administrative Code, Chapter 29]

Ordinance exempting the proposed Airport Development Plan from Administrative Code, Chapter 29, including from the requirements for a fiscal feasibility study and a Board of Supervisors fiscal feasibility determination prior to initiating environmental review, but retaining requirements for possible future individual projects under the Recommended Airport Development Plan which would otherwise be subject to Administrative Code, Chapter 29.

Existing Law

Chapter 29 of the Administrative Code (“Chapter 29”) requires, prior to initiating environmental review, that a City department, board, or commission proposing a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act that is estimated to have implementation and/or construction costs exceeding twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) and to use in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in public monies for predevelopment, planning, or construction costs prepare a financial feasibility study and submit it to the Board of Supervisors for a determination that the plan for undertaking and implementing the proposed project is fiscally feasible and responsible.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would not amend Chapter 29 but would exempt and thereby waive Chapter 29 requirements for a fiscal feasibility study of the San Francisco International Airport’s Recommended Airport Development Plan (“Recommended ADP”) and a Board of Supervisors determination that the Recommended ADP is fiscally feasible and responsible, thereby allowing environmental review of the Recommended ADP to proceed. If environmental review for the Recommended ADP is completed and thereafter the Recommended ADP or some portion thereof is approved by the Airport Commission, then prior to initiating detailed design for any individual project under the Recommended ADP meeting the applicable dollar thresholds of Chapter 29, the Airport Commission would be required to prepare a fiscal feasibility study and obtain a determination by the Board of Supervisors that such individual ADP project is fiscally feasible and responsible.

Background Information

The Recommended ADP is a proposed comprehensive plan consisting of individual ADP projects to be implemented over a 20-year time frame to accommodate a projected 71.1 million annual passengers at San Francisco International Airport.

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