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**Subject: CEQA Environmental Review: Amendment to Terminal 3 Boarding Area
Expansion Project, San Francisco International Airport**

Dear Mr. Bollinger:

The Airport is seeking EP concurrence that the proposed amendment to the Terminal 3 Boarding Area Expansion (T3) project is consistent with the scope and scale of work described in the original Categorical Exemption request, approved by EP on July 6, 2011. The initial Categorical Exemption approved work in two sections of Terminal 3; the security checkpoint and amenities at Boarding Area F (10,000 sq. ft.), and the Boarding Area E amenities, restrooms, and hold rooms (20,000 sq. ft.). The proposed amendment would include an additional 15,000 square feet of interior space to the initial proposal for Boarding Area F in the Airport's Terminal 3 Concourse (see Exhibit 1).

Proposed Amendment

Boarding Area F (Security Checkpoint)

As described in the Airport's June 9, 2011 letter, to better facilitate new security checkpoint standards and current passenger levels, the Airport must relocate and expand one of the security checkpoints within the Terminal 3 Concourse. In EP's July 6, 2011 determination, an increase of 10,000 square feet of Boarding Area F was approved as a part of the Categorical Exemption. Subsequent refinement of the Boarding Area F requirements resulted in an expansion of space required to facilitate modern security checkpoints and Airport amenities. The amended work would include an additional 15,000 square feet, resulting in a total of 25,000 square feet, for the Boarding Area F component of the project. The proposed 15,000 square feet increase would equate to 1.5% of the existing Terminal 3 Concourse area. Combined with the previously approved work, the proposed area would result in a total increase of 4.7% or 45,000 square feet.

Modern security checkpoint requirements require larger spaces to accommodate passenger queues, scanning equipment, and screening activities. The Terminal 3 Concourse was designed before the existing security screening requirements were in place. The proposed project would

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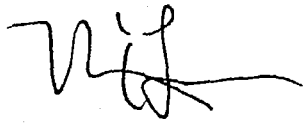
provide a larger area for the modernized checkpoint, to reduce passenger queuing times, and accommodate the displaced Airport concession space. Structural expansion would require the demolition and relocation of departure level walls in certain areas (see "Proposed Building Expansion" in Exhibit 1). The proposed work would improve passenger amenities and level-of-service and would not result in any substantial increase in capacity or change existing uses.

Environmental Determination: The proposed amendments are consistent with the scope of the previously exempted Terminal 3 Concourse project. The increased square footage would not generate additional traffic at the airport. The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under §15332(Class 32) of CEQA Guidelines, which exempts infill development. The Airport is essentially a campus development and infill projects accommodate the Airport's changing facility needs while maintaining campus continuity. As described, the proposed construction would take place on developed land and serve the same purpose as the previously proposed facilities.

The proposed amendment would serve to meet current Airport standards for security and passenger level-of-service. The Airport is seeking EP concurrence that the Terminal 3, Boarding Area F amendment is consistent with the July 6, 2011 determination and Categorically Exempt under CEQA.

Please contact Avant Ramsey with any questions or concerns at (650) 821-7836 or avant.ramsey@flysfso.com.

Sincerely,



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Manager of Environmental Affairs

Attachment: Exhibit 1

**SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING
CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

CLASS 32 - Infill Development

Addition to existing terminal on developed land that will serve the same purpose as the existing terminal building.

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