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Docket DOT-OST-2022-0003

RE: Corpus Christi International Airport SCASDP Grant Application

Dear Ms. Chapman:

I write in support of the application of Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA) for a Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) grant, which would support a revenue guarantee and marketing campaign for new nonstop service to Denver International Airport.

The City of Corpus Christi is focused on making our community the best place to live and work, and having a vibrant, convenient, and connected airport is critical to that effort. CCIA connects our residents and businesses to the world, and also brings visitors into the City, where they can enjoy our area's beaches and other activities.

Unfortunately, CCIA's nonstop flights are limited to two cities within the state of Texas; this limited service, combined with relatively high fares, leads nearly two-thirds of local travelers to drive to other airports that are at least two hours away rather than using their hometown airport to access the aviation network. Service to a key western market such as Denver, and potentially points beyond, would help our ongoing efforts to encourage both residents and visitors to fly CCIA.

The City has undertaken a number of recent initiatives to support the airport, including an enhanced airport incentive program and a strong "Fly CCIA Pledge" program to encourage local business leaders to commit to flying from CCIA. As evidence of our commitment to the airport's success, we have assembled a strong package of financial support from numerous stakeholders in the community, including the City itself, to supplement the proposed SCASDP grant. However, the SCASDP grant itself is a critical element in assembling a revenue guarantee package that has sufficient funding to mitigate risks for an airline considering a new route from CCIA.

Thank you in advance for your full and fair consideration of CCIA's SCASDP grant application. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,  
  
Paulette M. Guajardo  
Mayor