

Council Meeting of  
March 6, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Recommendation to appropriate \$2,500 to reimburse the Western  
Museum of Flight**

**Expenditure: \$2,500**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The General Services Director and the City Manager recommend that City Council appropriate \$2,500 to reimburse the Western Museum of Flight for fuel for aircraft landing at the Torrance Airport for the Western Museum of Flight "Preview Day" event.

### **Funding**

Funds are available in the 2006-07 Airport Aeronautical Operating Budget.

### **BACKGROUND**

On February 22, 2007, a representative of the Western Museum of Flight attended a Special Events Team (SET) meeting to propose a "Preview Day" at the Torrance Airport. The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 25, 2007 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Approval was granted to go forward with the event.

### **ANALYSIS**

The "Preview Day" event, in cooperation with Torrance Flite Park, LLC, will feature a small selection of classic and vintage warbirds which will fly in for public display. This is an opportunity for the public to become acquainted with the Western Museum of Flight as new tenants on Zamperini Field. There is no admission fee and a large crowd is not anticipated. However, in the past, the City has held an Air Fair at the Airport that has attracted many thousands of participants. The Special Events Team did express concerns that the nature of the event may draw a larger crowd than the promoters might expect. There are currently no plans to advertise the "Preview Day" but the Western Museum of Flight will send letters out to all the homeowners associations. Museum volunteers will provide assistance to visitors, ushering them from the General Aviation Center to the Museum. Several experts with the Commemorative Air Force will be on site to direct aircraft traffic and ensure ramp and taxiway safety.

Parking will be available at the Torrance Flite Park adjacent to the Museum, the General Aviation Center, and the Robinson Helicopter gravel area. Food and beverage will be provided by Torrance Flite Park for pilots and special guests.

Planes that will be on display include:

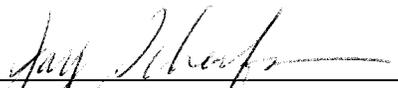
AD-1 Skyraider  
 T-28 Trojan  
 AT-6 Texan  
 T-34 Mentor  
 BT-13 Valiant  
 An-2 Colt  
 JB-1 Cub  
 PT-17 Stearman  
 PT-22 Cadet  
 Navion  
 P-51 Mustang  
 Fokker S.1

The Western Museum of Flight "Preview Day" is an exceptional opportunity for the public to enjoy viewing these special planes as well as visiting the Torrance Aviation Center. Because the Western Museum of Flight is making the Torrance Airport their new headquarters, it is recommended that Council assist this event by providing up to \$2,500 in reimbursements for fuel to bring the display planes onto the airport property.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 General Services Director

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 CITY MANAGER

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 Sr. Management Associate

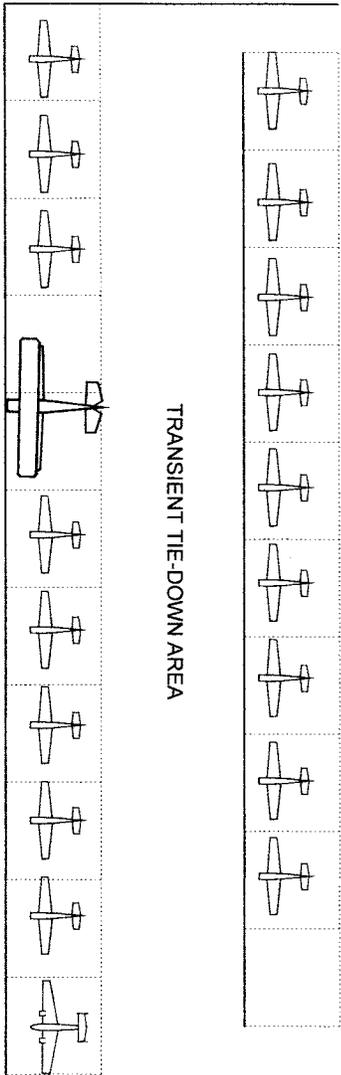
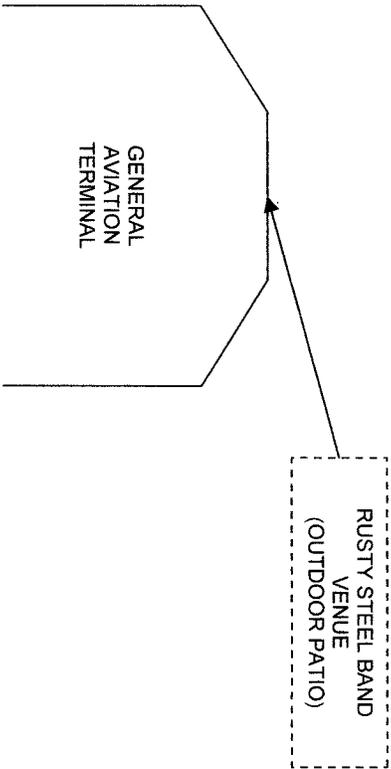
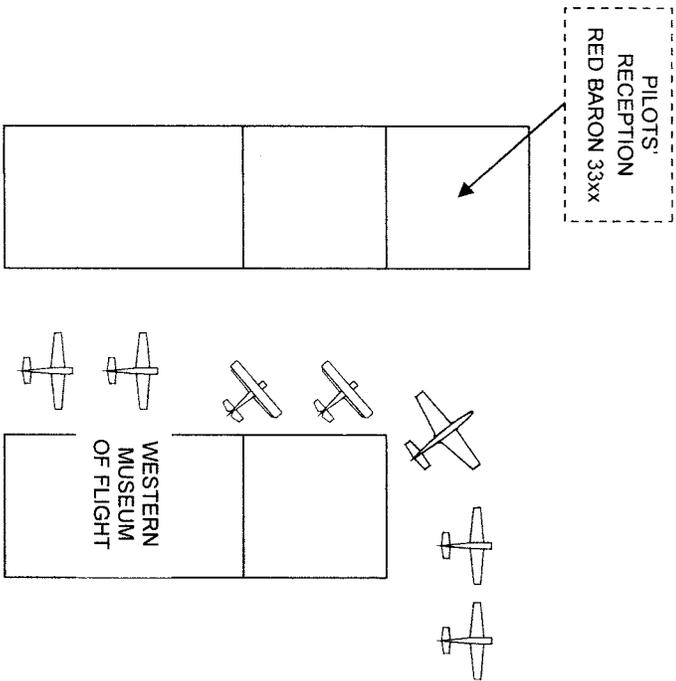
CONCUR:

  
 LeRoy J. Jackson  
 City Manager

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Attachment A: Proposed Ramp Layout for March 25<sup>th</sup> event

Attachment A



PROPOSED RAMP LAYOUT-  
MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> EVENT  
Western Museum of Flight  
NO SCALE

