



Jobs and Economic Development Committee Report

Strong Support for the South Suburban Airport Initiative

The Jobs and Economic Development Committee has been working diligently on the South Suburban Airport Project (SSA) to leverage COAL as a strategic influencer and key advocate for this regional airport that anticipates the following by the year 2030:

- Total economic output of the region increasing to \$6.2 billion
- Total labor income reaching \$2.5 billion
- All sector jobs - 7,737 direct jobs, 50,476 construction jobs
- Contributing \$157 million in state tax revenue for Illinois
- New Jobs as a result of the airport will be overwhelmingly concentrated in Will and Cook Counties
- Job impact to City of Chicago and South Cook County projects the creation of approximately 17,000 of the jobs created
- Over 5,400 households will be created as a result in Chicago and South Cook County

Since the February Power Breakfast Meeting where SSA personnel presented to COAL Members and the community, our Committee has met twice, attended a March 8th City Hall press conference on the SSA project that called on the next Mayor and City Council to support the airport and how instrumental it is for the region, engaged Hanson Professional Services, The Publicity Works and the Congressman regarding this project. We aim to ensure that the possibilities afforded by this project will be made available to our community in all facets: Procurement, construction, and all temporary and full-time employment opportunities.

The Jobs and Economic Development Committee will next resume our meeting schedule, continue researching the short and long-term aspects of the SSA project and also develop plans to meet with more regional stakeholders such as State Representative Anthony J. DeLuca (80th District, Chicago Heights) who is a leading voice on a regional effort to advance the SSA project.

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On behalf of the *Jobs and Economic Development Committee*

Per Committee member *Kevin Truitt*:

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