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Dear Ms. Shea:

This letter is in response to your request for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) review of the January 6, 2011, *South Suburban Airport Forecasts 2009: Verification of 2004 Forecasts*. We understand this document was prepared along with the on-going development of the Illinois Department of Transportation's Airport Master Plan for the proposed South Suburban Airport (SSA).

Based on consultation with the FAA's Forecast and Performance Analysis Division, we approve the following forecast levels of aeronautical activity for the SSA:

- Low-Case for Passenger Operations
- Low-Case for Cargo Operations
- High-Case for General Aviation Operations.

We believe these levels project passenger, cargo, and general aviation demand and aviation activity at reasonable levels and outline the risk associated with a proposed new airport such as SSA.

We look forward to working with you as you continue to develop the remaining components of the SSA Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan. Both of these plans will provide important information needed for FAA's preparation of the Tier II Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

James G. Keefer
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