

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 8, 2017

TO: Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairperson
Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee

FROM: James Martin, Interim Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Response to Question Regarding Foxconn Negotiations from October 2017 Board Cycle
File No. 17-680

POLICY

A response per the October 18, 2017 Transportation, Public Works, and Transit Committee Meeting Minutes, requesting:

Mr. Tarantino (DAS Economic Development) and Mr. Dranzik (DOT Airport Division) provide a written report regarding the 440th Air Reserve Base at GMIA, and Foxconn negotiations for the December 2017 cycle.

BACKGROUND

Per the request to provide information regarding negotiations related to Foxconn and the former 440th Air Reserve Base also known as the MKE Business Park and General Mitchell International Airport. The airport has not been involved with negotiations with Foxconn. The Department of Administrative Services – Economic Development Division has been the lead on negotiations such as Foxconn with the Airport having an advisory role.

Over the summer when Foxconn was investigating a site for a future facility location, there was discussion regarding Foxconn's future logistic needs. At that time, several options were under review including the possibility of using GMIA for their logistic needs. The only interest shown by members of the Foxconn group was to understand what hanger space or land area may be available for a potential site.

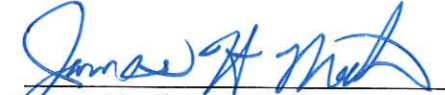
The airport is not aware of any further discussions. There have been no further discussions with Foxconn about location, space need, size of facility, or any greater detail as of the time of this report. As Foxconn's need for developing a facility progresses and should they consider a logistics location in proximity to their facility, GMIA would remain interested in those discussions as it would have a net benefit to the airport in landing weight and potential facility rental lowering the overall cost of airport expenses to air carriers.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for informational purposes.

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Approved by:



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