



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
June 28, 2006

From: Planning and Development Department

Subject: Support of Non-Binding Memorandum of Understanding to Participate in Exploration of Fully Advancing the Aerotropolis Plan

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

Wayne County has prioritized and promoted regional collaboration and partnership in the course of exploring the tremendous opportunities available by the creation of an economic development engine anchored by the Detroit-Metropolitan and Willow Run Airports and driven by the joint decision-making of seven local, two county governments, and the Airport Authority and has identified this initiative as the Aerotropolis Plan and the seven local, two county governments, and the Airport Authority as the Aerotropolis communities, including the City of Ypsilanti.

In 2004 Wayne County commenced a series of meetings with the Aerotropolis communities that encompass the Aerotropolis geographic area which include the Cities of Taylor, Belleville, Romulus, and Ypsilanti and the townships of Van Buren, Huron, and Ypsilanti, all located in Wayne and Washtenaw Counties and that all the Aerotropolis communities agreed to explore the economic development opportunities. These opportunities include the potential to create unprecedented economic development by way of locating tomorrow's global technological powerhouses in this region today; creating high paying jobs to ensure the attraction and retention of a highly trained and skilled work force, to ensure our sons and daughters can receive an education in Michigan and put their talents to use in this Great State, and to achieve a unique investment that reflects the impact felt by the automotive manufacturers in their glory days with a long-term perspective.

The Stakeholders met and discussed future actions, and it was agreed to develop a non-binding memorandum of understanding that would detail these activities and avenues to fully advance the opportunity.

Please contact Nathan Voght with any questions you may have at the Planning and Development Department, 483-9646 or email to nvoght@cityofypsilanti.com.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum of Understanding, Appendix I and II to the MOU. University of Michigan Summary of Aerotropolis Design Charrette from January 2006.

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: 7-5-06

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: