



CITY OF DETROIT

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Jason Watt, Director, Airport Department

Through: Council President Mary Sheffield

From: Council President Mary Sheffield submitting memorandum relative to

Date: 3/11/2022

RE: Coleman A. Young Airport 2022 Budget Hearing Questions

SUMMARY:

- Are there current plans to operate Coleman Young Airport as a commercial airport? What is the short and long-term plan for the airport? Several years ago, a report was issued outlining a possible conversion of the airport into a technology campus. Has that report been seriously considered?
- What is the status of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Airport Historic District designation? Will a historic designation effect any of the intended uses?
- The FY2023 Budget calls for an increase of 7 FTE positions. Will these positions be funded from the General Fund, grants, or other funding source?
- How much does the City subsidize the Coleman Young Airport from the General Fund? What is the plan and timeline for eliminating that subsidy?
- How much in income tax does the airport produce? Does the airport collect any taxes or fees on cargo?

- Would the runway need to be extended to resume commercial flight activities? If so, are any occupied homes in the way and how many?
- Please list any educational and apprenticeship programs, as well as which organizations partner with the airport.

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