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Timeline
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• Early 2011
  – Southwest Airlines indicated internal studies were beginning concerning international flights out of Houston Hobby

• Late 2011
  – Southwest Airlines indicated studies were positive

• January 2012
  – Southwest told to formalize request to Houston Airport System

• February 2012
  – Senior level meetings held between City of Houston and Southwest Airlines
  – City initiated various internal studies

• March 2012
  – Meeting with Southwest Airlines to confirm the key assumptions and output of the models developed
  – Preparation of draft report and recommendations
  – Released draft reports to the airlines at Houston Hobby and IAH

• April 2012
  – Report from Director of Aviation to the Mayor and City Council providing Director’s recommendations

• May/June 2012
  – Submit matter for public and possible council consideration
Issues from Initial Report/Public Discussions
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- Hobby is a Federally designated International Airport and has been for decades
- A new Hobby International Terminal has been in the City’s Capital Plans for over 10 years
- The City cannot regulate competition
- The City will expect Customs and Border Protection to provide necessary resources for whatever international service provided
- An agreement has not been reached with Southwest but expect to begin to initiate negotiations “in good faith”
Proposed FIS Facility
Houston Hobby

- 5 Gate Facility

- General Aviation (GA) Pad for CBP Clearance of International GA Flights

- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Facility with Capacity of 400 Passengers Per Hour

- Gates sized for all 737 and A320 Variants
Potential 5 International Gate Operation
Houston Hobby
Lower Level
Houston Hobby
If Mayor places item on Council Agenda
Considerations for City Council Determination

• Legal Framework for decision making
  – Does a potential contract provide “reasonable access?”

• Economic Impact on our Citizens
  – Ticket prices
  – Efficiency of all operations

• Impact on City facilities and area employment