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Mark Papko, Director
Dane County Regional Airport
4000 International Lane
Madison, WI 53704

Re: Intent to Convey Remnant Airport Lands to Dane County

Dear Mr. Papko,

As you know, DCRA and the City of Madison have been in discussions about conveying a 50-foot-wide remnant strip of land within the western airport property adjacent to the eastern side of the existing and former railroad right of way that now bisects the airport lands. The 50-foot-wide remnant strip was excluded from the 1974 conveyance of the Airport from the City of Madison to Dane County. A map of the strip is attached for reference.

An application for review and approval by the City of Madison has been made recently by Dane County Airport Planning and Development for the expansion of the Airport's Long term surface parking lot. A portion of the 50-foot-wide strip lies within the limits of the proposed project and a conveyance to Dane County of that area of the strip within the expanded parking lot is logical currently.

I am writing to express my intent to introduce a resolution to the Madison Common Council to convey the 50-foot-wide strip to DCRA. This resolution would propose to convey the portion of the land lying within the proposed expansion area for long-term parking that is being considered currently. The resolution would not pursue compensation for this action. The balance of the land would be considered with the context of airport master planning in the future as part of a larger conversation about planning in the Airport area.

Ultimately, the Madison Common Council must vote to take action on this resolution before the conveyances can be made. I anticipate introducing the resolution to the Council on August 4, 2026 with final action anticipated for September 8th, 2026.

Please contact Jeff Quamme in City Engineering at jrquamme@cityofmadison.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

Satya Rhodes-Conway
Mayor