

December 10, 2021, Airport Commission Report Submission for D1LG Meeting

Want to assure yourself that you have a parking spot at SJC? SJC has you covered with a brand-new parking reservation system. Details are at <https://www.flysanjose.com/sjc-buzz/new-reserve-sjc-parking-online>

Air traffic is up from pandemic-levels of 2020, but still well below 2019 levels. That is, through October of this year there were approximately [2.52 million](#) (PDF) versus [5.7 million enplanements](#) (PDF) through October of calendar year 2019.

Digital Billboards at SJC:

At the November 8th meeting, the Airport Commission, by a 7-2 vote, rejected the Environmental Impact Report and project plan recommending approval of digital billboards that would allow off-site advertising at SJC. My reasons for rejecting this plan were stated in this submission to the City Council

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R_6dd6RC1hWMsWJkL-VmjtS81PvJXQa-/view?usp=sharing

as well as this co-written opinion piece in the San Jose Mercury

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/11/29/opinion-why-we-voted-against-san-jose-airport-digital-billboard-plans/>

At its November 30th meeting, Council voted to send the item back to the Airport Commission for reconsideration. A special Airport Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 5th, 2022.

Encampments at Guadalupe Gardens:

Instead of voting for staff's recommendation to fence the area under the flight path that needs to be cleared for air safety reasons, the City Council voted to have PRNS lead an effort to find ways to secure and activate the 40-acres that is part of the Guadalupe River Park. This is land purchased with FAA money, so the FAA has ultimate control of the land. Working in concert with SJC, the Department of Housing, and the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, PRNS led the first community outreach meeting on December 8th. Details can be found on the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy website at:

<https://grpg.org/guadalupe-gardens-improvement-plan/>

If you are interested in providing feedback, one way is via that PRNS survey that is at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GuadalupeGardens>

Next Airport Commission Meeting

01/05/21 at 6 PM – Meeting details will be available at <https://www.flysanjose.com/airport-commission>

And remember, spread the word #FlySJC

Submitted by Ken Pyle, Airport Commission Vice Chair.

The above represents Ken Pyle's interpretation and opinions and does not represent SJC, its administration, or the City of San Jose.