



# **City of San Marcos**

## **City Council Work Session**

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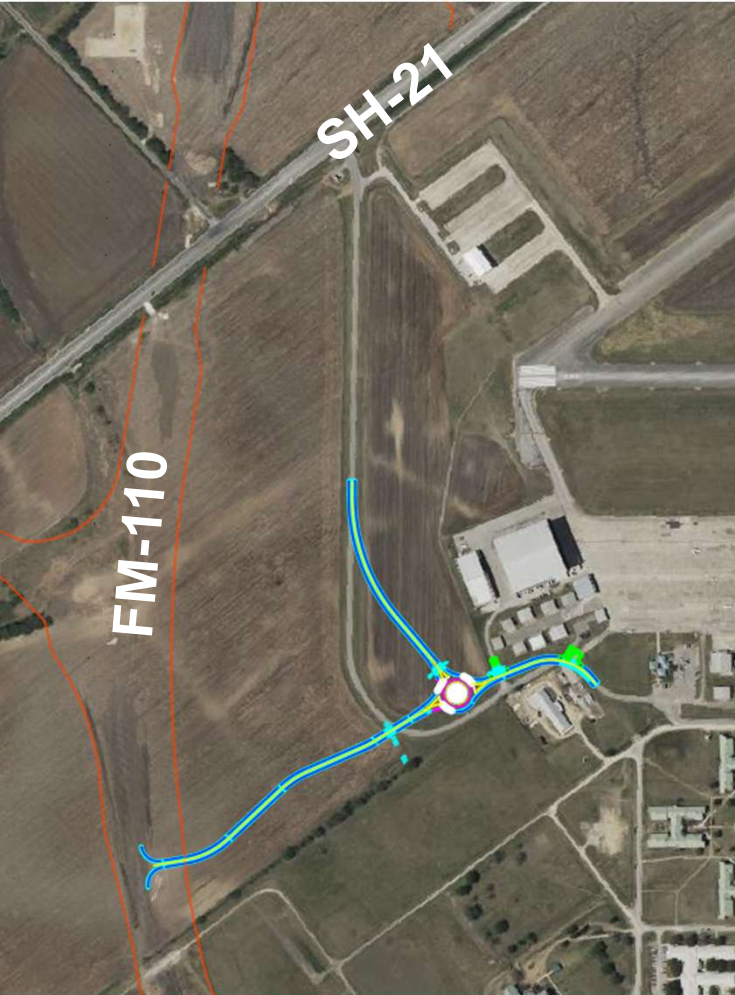


# Presentation

## Item 1

Receive an update from City Staff regarding the FM-110 Connection Drive project including the relocation of the historic air traffic control tower and the naming of the new roadway, and provide direction to the City Manager.

# Project Background



- **2024 – City received a grant from the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) in the amount of \$3.57M (70% EDA/30% Local Match).**
- **April 29, 2025 – Received 100% plans from Garver.**
  - Garver's cost estimate is ~\$500k under budget.
  - City Staff began investigating the possibility of using the additional budget to relocate and restore the historic air traffic control tower.

# Graham Tower Relocation



- **October 2, 2025 – Historic Preservation Commission granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to relocate the Graham Tower.**



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# Benefits of Tower Relocation



- Provides an opportunity to fund the restoration of the tower through the EDA grant.
- Creates a focal point for the new Airport entrance.
- Frees up valuable space for future development within the airport

# Road Name Recommendation



- Nov 4, 2025 - Texas Aviation Partners sent out a survey to Airport stakeholders requesting recommendations.
- 45 responses were received with 24 unique road names

Preferred road name:	Number of Votes
Aviation Way	14
Coinbase Landing	3
Graham Tower Way	3
Bobcat Boulevard	2
Graham Drive	2
Hubble Drive	2
Roadie M. P.	2

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# Road Name Recommendation



- Nov 20, 2025 - Airport Advisory Board provided a recommendation of “**Carruthers Way**”, with a secondary alternative of “**Aviation Way**”.
- Nov 20, 2025 – a second poll was sent to stakeholders. 106 responses were recieved and the results supported the Advisory Board’s recommendation.

Preferred road name:	Number of Votes
Carruthers Way	78
Aviation Way	28



# LtCol George C Carruthers



- Highly decorated Air Force veteran with 30 years of service.
- Trained at the San Marcos Army Air Field.
- Married Marylou Faye Bailes, of San Marcos at the First Baptist Church of San Marcos.
- Remarried to Marilyn Gaddis, a professor of education at Texas State University.
- Passed away on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



# Seeking Direction



- **Does Council concur with the plan to relocate and restore the historic Graham Air Traffic Control Tower?**
- **What is Council's preferred name for the new roadway?**
  - Carruthers Way
  - Aviation Way
  - Other?



# Next steps

- **City Council Meeting January 20, 2025**
  - Staff will bring forward a resolution to formally adopt the name of the new roadway.
  - Staff will bring forward Change in Service #4 to contract 221-195, authorizing Garver to prepare Tower Relocation and Restoration Plans.