

Memorandum

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One of the many outgrowths since the events of September 11, 2001 has been an awareness of the potential vulnerability of our transportation systems to terrorist attacks. Since airspace sites are usually found beneath or adjacent to major freeway arterials there has been a concern by both the Airspace Advisory Committee and the Department that security issues inherent to airspace sites should, at the very least, be discussed.

Division of Right of Way, Division of Maintenance and Operations Security Office have met on several occasions to explore if possible courses of action should be implemented to address the security concerns relative to airspace. In addition, special consideration will be provided to those airspace sites that are beneath structures deemed as "critical" by the Department.

The following language is being incorporated into the Right of Way Manual, Chapter 15, that outlines procedures for leasing of airspace sites:

"Prior to leasing any airspace site, a security review of the site will be performed as part of the normal District Airspace Review Committee review. This security review shall assess the threat of terrorist attack upon the facility adjacent to the airspace site and will provide guidelines by which the property can be utilized and occupied. Special consideration shall be given to those areas beneath identified "critical" structures."

The review process currently includes most functional areas within the Department and the State Fire Marshal. It may be necessary to include in the review input from law enforcement agencies such as the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

This airspace security item is being presented to the Airspace Advisory Committee as a follow-up to prior discussions on this topic.