

RESOLUTION NO. 05-27

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN EXTENSION FOR PASSENGER BOARDING ENPLANEMENTS

WHEREAS, annual Federal entitlements under the Airport Improvement Program are based on passenger boarding; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of 9/11, a number of airports, including the Roswell International Air Center, saw a dramatic drop in passenger boardings; and

WHEREAS, current Federal legislation provides airports that have over 10,000 annual boardings \$1 million per year, and airports with boardings less than 10,000 annually \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, in November 2001, the President signed P.L. 107-71 which allowed airports that had suffered declines in passenger boardings to use the greater of either the 2000 or 2001 boardings in calculating their FY2003 entitlements; and

WHEREAS, the Roswell International Air Center is one of over 50 airports in the United States that benefitted from P.L. 107-71, retaining its annual \$1 million entitlement, even when passenger boardings dropped below 10,000; and

WHEREAS, Congress extended the exception for two additional years, FY2004 and FY2005 (P.L. 108-176, sec. 146); and

WHEREAS, Roswell International Air Center enplanements are increasing and coming close to 10,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Roswell seeks the continued support from the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to persuade the Senate Commerce and Transportation Committee to extend the exception through FY2007 and encourages the citizens of Roswell and Eastern New Mexico to support the local air service.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Roswell, New Mexico, the Roswell City Council, to support whatever means and energy is necessary to extend the passenger boarding enplanement waiver through FY2007.


DONE this 8th day of September 2005.

CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

By: _____

Bill B. Owen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Timothy D. Stoessel, City Clerk