

Ten Good Reasons Why Making Mather Field a Cargo Hub is a Bad Idea

1. Expanding Mather will condemn our area to a future of noise and air pollution, and reduced home values for generations. The Sacramento area has more airports (Sac International, McClellan, Executive and Mather) than any other city in the world.

A toxic dump is more welcome than another major airport.

2. All major cities the the world get their freight without a freight hubs That's because freight comes in at the wee hours when passenger traffic is over. Additionally, 50% of all air freight is transported in the belly of commercial airlines. Sacramento International can handle all the freight this region will need for the foreseeable future.

3. In order to be near Sacramento International airport, UPS and Fed Ex are headquartered in West Sacramento. Locating another connection point 15 miles away at Mather is a logistical waste and an additional traffic burden for Hwy 50.

4. The \$100 million dollar 'special interest' plan for a runway extension so UPS can land jumbo jets side by side at 3 AM is a waste of tax dollars, and will cause a billion dollar loss in real estate values throughout the region.

5. The Board's own business model for Mather (due to inflation, now outdated) shows a 3% return on this investment. That's just another gold plated government looser.

6. The FAA's 1991 study said cargo only airports have little benefit for local economies.

7. Freight is a low wage, mechanized business. Loading and unloading of any kind requires very little skill - bar codes and powered conveyors do most of the work. There is very little spin-off to the freight business. It does not generate any local ancillary enterprises. Freight terminals are business "islands".

8. Allowing foreign jumbo jets use our community as a convenient refueling station while on their way to another country adds nothing to our well-being. Just the opposite, it degrades our property values and demoralizes our citizens.

9. There has never been a request from the public for this operation. Every community on the west coast has been against an air cargo hub in their area. When Mather closed in 1993, there was a collective sigh of relief for Sacramento homeowners and realtors.

10. The Sacramento area is rated amongst the worst air quality regions in the nation. Encouraging transient jumbo jets to rain down exhaust and noise on established residential neighborhoods 24 hours a day is just plain criminal.

WE NEED PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO ENHANCE OUR LIVES NOT DEVASTATE THEM.