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City of Big Spring Initiates Multimodal Study and Branding Effort for Airport and Industrial Park

The City of Big Spring, through the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport, has initiated a multimodal study and branding effort focused on the Airport, the Industrial Park, and surrounding properties. The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will serve as a key project partner and stakeholder based on its ownership of lands adjacent to the Airport and Industrial Park.

The Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport has long played a role in the regional economy while offering capacity for future growth. With foundational infrastructure in place to support greater levels of economic activity, the Airport represents a strategic asset with substantial unrealized opportunity and has to date operated below its full potential. While the Industrial Park has experienced stronger utilization in recent years, both assets present opportunities for improved coordination, visibility, and strategic growth. Recent leadership efforts by Airport Director Mike Feeley, the Airport Board and the City of Big Spring have brought renewed focus and momentum to these opportunities.

The project builds on the completion of the Airport Master Plan in 2025, which established a forward-looking vision for the Airport's role in supporting aviation activity, economic development and multimodal connectivity.

In recent years, the Airport has partnered with the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to deliver infrastructure improvements on the west side of the Airport. These upgrades are intended to enhance Airport functionality while also providing ancillary benefits to an EDC-owned industrial park located adjacent to Airport property, reinforcing coordination between aviation and industrial development.

The Airport, Industrial Park, and surrounding lands possess several inherent competitive advantages. They are located at the eastern edge of the Permian Basin and at the convergence of Interstate 20, the Future Interstate 27 Ports-to-Plains Corridor, an 8,803-foot runway, and an active rail connection to the Union Pacific

mainline. These represent a unique combination of assets within the region and that are key attractants to industrial, logistics, and aviation-related businesses.

As part of this renewed momentum, the Airport has recently partnered with Galaxy FBO to assume fixed base operations at Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport. Galaxy FBO has already begun upgrading the existing terminal, hangars, and support facilities to align with the premium standards across its network, enhancing both the operational capability, safety, and overall user experience for travelers. This investment introduces a higher level of service, reliability, and national visibility to Big Spring, positioning the Airport to better attract transient traffic, corporate operators, and aviation-related businesses. Galaxy's presence complements the City's broader vision by strengthening the Airport's role as a gateway to the Permian Basin and supporting its evolution into a more competitive, multimodal transportation and economic hub.

The upcoming multimodal study will evaluate how air, rail and roadway infrastructure can function together more effectively to support freight movement, industrial recruitment, and future development. In parallel, the branding effort will establish a clear and cohesive identity for the Airport and Industrial Park, helping communicate their value to prospective tenants, investors, and the broader community.

The study is expected to take about 12 months to complete and will include opportunities for public input.

City and Airport leadership view this initiative as an important step toward realizing a shared, forward-looking vision for the Airport, the Industrial Park, and adjacent EDC-owned lands as integrated drivers of future opportunity for the community and the greater region.