

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 15, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT **Re-Opening of Love Connection for Employee Parking Only**

On November 1, 2021, the Department of Aviation plans to move employee parking from the on-site parking garages back to the Love Connection Remote Lot at 6814 Harry Hines Boulevard. Before the pandemic, employees parked at this location, but were moved to adhere to State and County social distancing protocols and to save money on shuttling costs.

As vaccinations for COVID-19 were made widely available, the number of customers steadily increased through Dallas Love Field which also increased the occupancy in the parking garages to as high as 90%. Both Garages A and B have been closed due to full capacity nearly every weekend in August, September and October. This was an indication to airport management that it is time to move the employees out to utilize the 1,800 parking spaces for customers.

To help expedite the process before the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons, Southwest Airlines (SWA) has agreed to provide the shuttle service for the Department of Aviation until a long-term contract is secured.

In preparation for the employees' return, repairs have been made to the parking lot such as: adding cameras around the lot, updating lighting, adding additional security and shuttle stops for social distancing, and the demolition of an abandoned building surrounding the area.

The airport management has also been keeping all airport employees (i.e., Southwest Airlines, TSA, Concessions' employees and other tenants) up-to-date on the status for the return to Love Connection on November 1.

If you need further information, feel free to contact Mark Duebner, Director of Aviation at 214-670-6077.

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