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CITY OF CHICAGO GAINS TITLE AND POSSESSION OF ST. JOHANNES CEMETERY

In a decision today, the Circuit Court in DuPage County granted the City of Chicago title and possession of St. Johannes Cemetery. This ruling allows the City to proceed with relocation of the cemetery, which is needed to complete construction on Runway 10C/28C as part of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP).

"We appreciate today's court decisions allowing us to purchase the St. Johannes Cemetery and begin the relocation process," said Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "We realize relocation is a very sensitive matter and we will continue to proceed with respect and dignity in dealing with the families of those interred at St. Johannes Cemetery."

Today's rulings, together with prior rulings in the case, allowed the court to enter a quick take order, directing that the City pay \$630,000 for the cemetery. As a result, the City will become the sole owner of the cemetery.

Under the court's order, the City can immediately begin to work with next of kin who wish to relocate their relatives' grave sites.

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) has developed a cemetery relocation plan and family assistance program, developed to provide the utmost care and respect for the deceased and their surviving relatives. The CDA will pay necessary and reasonable costs associated with the cemetery relocation process.

For more information concerning the relocation process, the relatives of those interred at St. Johannes Cemetery are asked to contact the CDA's Cemetery Relocation and Family Assistance office at (773) 686-5136.

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportsgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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