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OMP Statement regarding the DC Circuit Court Stay

Statement from the O'Hare Modernization Program Regarding the District of Columbia Circuit Court Administrative Stay

The District of Columbia Circuit's administrative stay is purely "to give the court a sufficient opportunity to consider the merits of the emergency motion for a stay pending appeal."

The order also states that the ruling "should not be construed in any way as a ruling on the merits of the motion." Given the highly inflammatory accusations contained in the motion, it was not surprising that the court wanted time to consider the matter before making its ruling on the motion. The City plans to file a response immediately so that the court can rule on the motion. The FAA is expected to file a response as well. The few remaining opponents of O'Hare modernization have said for years that the FAA would not approve our program, and today the FAA approved modernizing O'Hare. These same opponents have also said that they would use the courts to delay the program. We are confident that the O'Hare Modernization Program will withstand any and all judicial challenges and we will implement the program as planned. The sooner O'Hare is modernized, the sooner benefits to travelers and airlines across the nation will be realized.