

Intel Corporation Official Position on Memorial Airport

Intel Corporation is not investing in the development of Memorial Airport and has no plans to use the airport.

Intel Corporation has been aware of the potential development of all three airports in the vicinity of our Arizona facilities (Memorial Airport, Chandler Airport and Stellar Airpark). In fact, Chandler Airport and Stellar Airpark have undergone significant growth in the past twenty years. Aircraft operations from those airports have not had a negative impact on our operations.

Memorial Airport has been in existence since 1942. For many years, Gila River officials have publicly stated that the airport will remain at its current location. Intel was aware of the airport and the potential for its development when the decision was made to purchase the 720 acres in Ocotillo to build our advanced chip manufacturing facilities. We have not experienced any negative impacts on our manufacturing operations as a result of aircraft operations from Memorial Airport and we do not anticipate any negative impacts in the future should the airport be developed in accordance with the proposed master plan.

During the past two years, the Gila River Indian Community has updated the airport master plan with input from a highly respected airport consulting firm, Coffman Associates, and a Planning Advisory Committee made up of major stakeholders including representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration, the AZ Department of Transportation, Maricopa County and Sun Lakes. Intel was represented at the meetings.

When adopted by the Gila River Tribal Council, the Memorial Airport master plan, proposed by the consultant and the Planning Advisory Committee, will relocate the main runway further north and rotate it 11 degrees clockwise to minimize over flights of Sun Lakes and will close the crosswind runway. In addition, the proposed plan calls for establishing airport traffic patterns to the west of the airport over Interstate 10 to minimize over flights of residential communities and businesses.

Clearly, the Gila River Indian Community has the right to develop Memorial Airport just as the cities of Phoenix, Chandler, Scottsdale, and Mesa have the right to develop their airports. However, we continue to encourage Gila River to meet with groups that are concerned about the potential development of Memorial Airport and to address any issues and concerns just as the cities mentioned above do.

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