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Statement From Rosemarie S. Andolino, Executive Director, OMP Regarding U.S. Court of Appeals Ruling

"The U. S. Court of Appeals" ruling today has no impact on the schedule for O'Hare's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or development and construction of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). The City has several sources of financing for these costs and in the absence of Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs), the City will draw on those other sources. In addition, nothing in the Court's decision bars the use of PFCs for the OMP EIS. The Court held that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) did not explain its approval sufficiently and sent the matter back to the FAA for a more detailed explanation and finding. The FAA will have no difficulty explaining in detail the substantial costs, incurred under its direct supervision, for the EIS. In any event, the City has sufficient funds available to continue the EIS process without interruption or delay. The schedule for modernizing O'Hare has not changed and we will break ground immediately upon receipt of the Record of Decision from the FAA."