

RESOLUTION NO. 281-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TO ADOPT THE TITLE VI PLAN AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR ABILENE REGIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene (City) owns and operates Abilene Regional Airport (ABI); and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the city of Abilene and Abilene Regional Airport (ABI) must adopt a plan to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. ABI staff has developed its Title VI Plan, including the Community Participation Plan (CPP), and received approval from the FAA; and

WHEREAS, under the Plan, the city/Abilene Regional Airport assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency (LEP)), sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), creed, or age, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100.259), Section 520 of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, and related authorities (hereafter, "Title VI and related requirements"), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) funding. Title VI also prohibits retaliation for asserting or otherwise participating in claims of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the city/Abilene Regional Airport further assures every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs are federally funded or not. The Airport Sponsor agrees, among other things, to understand the communities surrounding or in the flight path, as well as customers that use the airport. Anytime communities may be impacted by programs or activities, Abilene Regional Airport will take action to involve them and the general public in the decision making process; and

WHEREAS, the city/Abilene Regional Airport requires nondiscrimination assurances, as prescribed by FAA, from each tenant, contractor, and concessionaire providing an activity, service, or facility at the airport. Assurances must be included in any related lease, contract, or franchise agreement between Abilene Regional Airport and each tenant, contractor, and concessionaire, as well as in any similar agreements with their own sub-tenants and sub-contractors; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Development Board approved its recommendation for this task order at its November 11, 2024 meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

1. That the Title VI Plan and Community Participation Plan are hereby adopted by the City of Abilene for application at Abilene Regional Airport.
2. That this Resolution takes effect immediately upon Council approval.

ADOPTED this 5th day of December 2024.

ATTEST:

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

Weldon Hurt, Mayor

APPROVED:

Stanley Smith, City Attorney