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PADILLA HERALDS APPROVAL OF SYLMAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Office park on surplus City property would include new FlyAway to LAX, CalTrans depot, and new site for Allied Beverages

LOS ANGELES – Council President Alex Padilla today heralded the Councils' approval of the 3 Freeways Commerce Center commercial development at the site of the former Sylmar Converter Station operated by the City's Department of Water and Power.

The 34-acre project at 13503 San Fernando Road is slated to include a 5,000 square foot LAX Airport FlyAway site with 1,200 parking spots, a CalTrans equipment storage site that would be moved from North Hollywood, and a new site for the 285-employee firm Allied Beverages.

"Not only are we creating economic development opportunities in the northeast San Fernando Valley, but we are keeping longstanding jobs right here in the heart of our community that might have gone north on I-5 to Valencia," said Padilla. "As an added benefit, we'll have an easier – and less expensive – way to get to the airport at the FlyAway site."

The FlyAway site would be constructed after finalization of an agreement between Los Angeles World Airports and Royal Clark Development Company LLC, the developers of the 3 Freeways Commerce Center. In 2003, the Van Nuys FlyAway transported 732,921 passengers and eliminated more than 2,000 vehicles from area roadways each day.

The 6-acre North Hollywood site currently occupied by CalTrans has been designated as the location for a new high school operated by the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Allied Beverages, currently occupying a 130,000 square foot site in Sylmar, will be able to double their space with a new, 260,000 square foot facility that would include 30,000 square feet of offices. Allied Beverages, which plans to expand and is expected to grow to 320 employees, has been owned by the Williams family, members of the greater San Fernando Valley community for 60 years.

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The 7th Council District serves the communities of Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, Pacoima, Panorama City, and Sylmar.