



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Aviation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Jesus H. Saenz Jr.

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

FAA Reimbursable Agreement at San Antonio International Airport

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance approves a Preliminary Design Reimbursable Agreement (Reimbursable Agreement or RA) template with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in an amount up to \$100,000 each for agreement in support of the Airport's Capital Improvement Program at the San Antonio International Airport. These RAs are required when the City performs work in areas that impact FAA facilities on or supporting the airfield. This ordinance also authorizes the Aviation Director to execute the final FAA Agreements. Three of the four RAs will support the Airfield Safety Enhancement and Improvements Program (ASEIP) and one RA will support the Terminal Development Program (TDP).

Funding is available through Airport Interim Financing and included in the FY 2024 – 2029 Capital Improvement Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Aviation Department routinely coordinates with the FAA on upcoming and future capital development projects at the San Antonio International Airport to identify any potential impacts to FAA facilities, which would require the City to follow 49 U.S. Code Section 106(1)(6) and utilize FAA engineering services when it is possible to meet FAA standards when those facilities are impacted in order to ensure FAA operations are not impaired. When the potential impacts to FAA facilities are known, the FAA develops separate Preliminary Design Reimbursable Agreements for each service area affected. The Reimbursable Agreements are limited at a maximum value of \$100,000.00 to engage FAA services limited to labor, travel, and expenses required to perform preliminary engineering for future implementation of the ASEIP and TDP, two major components of the Airport's Capital Improvement Program.

#### **ISSUE:**

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As design has progressed on the AESIP and TDP, the potential impact on FAA facilities have been identified. For the ASEIP, the FAA identified a PDRA for the Navigational Aids Engineering Services Group, the Communications Engineering Services Group, and the Weather Surveillance Engineering Services Group. Execution of these three PDRAs will allow FAA staff to participate in the ASEIP preliminary design about to be initiated by Kimley-Horn and Associates and assist meeting long-lead schedules in support of future flight procedures and construction procurement. For the TDP RA, the FAA identified an initial PDRA to engage staff to assist with identifying any impacts to FAA facilities and participating in the design development as the program progresses. These RAs are in draft form while details are finalized. This action will authorize the Aviation Director to approve the agreements once finalized.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Federal law requires the use of RAs when commercial airports identify the potential to impact FAA facilities to mitigate the impacts of those facilities. City Council could choose not to approve the RAs; however, this would result in the inability of the City to move forward with critical work required for the ASEIP and TDP.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval an RA tempalte for four agreements with the FAA in support of the airfield improvement and the terminal development programs at the San Antonio International Airport.