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DEPARTMENT: Aviation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jesus H. Saenz Jr.

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Update

SUMMARY:

The presentation provides a briefing on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the San Antonio Airport System's strategy and actions to identify funding to support enabling projects to support the Terminal Development Program and other infrastructure opportunities at the San Antonio International Airport.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On November 15, 2021, the President signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The legislation is commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The bill included a total of \$1.2 trillion to be allocated primarily from FY 2022 and FY 2026. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will administer two programs, the Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) and the Airport Terminal Program (ATP), that the San Antonio International Airport

is eligible for funding.

Under the AIG Allocated program, the San Antonio International Airport will receive approximately \$11.7 million in FY 2022, which is based on the statutory Airport Improvement Program (AIP) primary and cargo entitlement formulas for the best of calendar years 2018, 2019 or 2020. For San Antonio International Airport, it would be for calendar year 2019. This amount may increase based on increased passenger and cargo enplanements in subsequent calendar years. The FAA will apply the same criteria it currently uses for the Passenger Facility Charge funding for project eligibility. Airports cannot use these funds as matching funds for other FAA programs or to pay down debt service. The City will be responsible for 25% of a matching share.

Unlike the AIG Allocated program, airports will compete for their share of ATP funding. Medium hub airports are eligible to apply for up to \$150 million per year. Projects that are eligible for funding under this program include multi-modal terminal development and on-airport rail access. The City will be responsible for 20% of a matching share.

Both programs are reimbursable grants and must be solicited under the FAA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and meet other standard FAA grant requirements.

ISSUE:

The Director will brief the Commission on the City's plan for securing funding to support the Terminal Development Program at the San Antonio International Airport and secure funding to address other infrastructure needs. Members will be able to provide input on the recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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