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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

FY 2024 Grant Program Overview for the San Antonio Airport System

SUMMARY:

The Aviation Department will provide an overview regarding the department's FY 2024 Grants Program Strategy to seek funding for capital projects and other programs for the San Antonio Airport System. This overview will include applications to familiar and new federal grant programs. In 2023, the Airport System received close to \$40 million in federal grants due in part to the creation of a dedicated grants division in January 2023.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City coordinates with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the planning and development of projects for airports included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). Annually, this process has led to grant funding through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for projects that are included in the airport's Airport Capital

Improvement Program for improvement projects to enhance airport safety, capacity, security, and environmental concerns.

The FAA portion of the grant covers 75% of eligible costs with the airport responsible for the remaining 25%. These projects must be solicited under the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and meet other standard FAA grant requirements. Over the past two years, the City has been granted \$24,385,113 for the FAA's portion under the AIP grant program for the following projects:

- FY 22 Taxiway H Reconstruction – Phase 1
- FY 22 – Reconstruct & Decouple Runway 13R/31L: Ext. of Rwy 13R – Advanced Planning/Environmental Study
- FY 23 Reconstruct and Decouple Runway 13R/31L: Reconstruction of Twy N(N10)
- FY 23 Taxiway H Reconstruction – Phase 2
- FY 23 Terminal A Renovation: Roof
- FY 23 Electric Shuttle Bus Infrastructure

With the impact of COVID on air travel, two new programs were created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) which was signed into law in November 2021. The bill included a total of \$1.2 trillion to be allocated primarily from FY 2022 and FY 2026. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) administers both programs for which the San Antonio International Airport is eligible:

Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG)

Under the AIG Allocated program, the San Antonio International Airport receives close to \$12 million each year (and received in FY 2022 and FY 2023), which is based on the statutory Airport Improvement Program (AIP) primary and cargo entitlement formulas of the previous year and the FAA applies 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. The Airport System has been granted \$18,374,453 for the first two years of the program for the following projects:

- FY22 Taxiway H Reconstruction – Phase I
- FY 22 West Apron Taxiway Reconstruction
- FY 22 Airfield PMMP Update (FY 22)
- FY 22 Emergency Response Road
- FY 23 Reconstruct and Decouple Runway 13R/31L: Reconstruction of Twy N (N10)
- FY 23 Airfield Lighting Control and Monitoring System
- FY 23 Runway 4/22 Centerline Lighting Circuit Replacement
- FY 23 Terminal A Renovation: Roof
- FY 23 Perimeter Road PMMP Update (FY23)

Airport Terminal Program (ATP)

The ATP is a competitive grant program, meaning that unlike the AIG Allocated program, airports will compete for a share of ATP funding. Medium hub airports such as the San Antonio International Airport are eligible to apply for up to \$150 million per year for multi-modal

terminal development and similar projects. In February 2023, the FAA announced a \$20 million grant for the Terminal A Ground Loading Facility.

ISSUE:

The staff's presentation will provide an overview of the FY 2024 grants strategy, including FY 2024 AIP, AIG and ATP grant applications as well as other grant opportunities the department is pursuing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

For briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

For briefing purposes only.