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In Control: Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Aviation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Update - San Antonio Airport System

SUMMARY:

The presentation provides a briefing on the San Antonio Airport System's strategy to pursue funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to support infrastructure projects that enable the Terminal Development Program 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), for which the San Antonio International Airport is eligible.

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 year 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.

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 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 Aviation Department will provide an informational briefing on the eligible projects recommended for pre-submittal for FAA grant programs to support infrastructure projects at the San Antonio International Airport. Upon notification of FAA recommended projects, the Aviation Department will present to City Council for final approval to apply.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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