



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Aviation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

West Apron Taxilane Reconstruction Project - Annual Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant Application

SUMMARY:

City Council consideration for an ordinance authorizing a submission of grant application and the acceptance of grant funds for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvements Program (AIP) grants for a new project, the West Apron Taxilane project. This action will amend the FY 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Budget (CIP) to create the new project, establish its budget and appropriate \$4,022,250.00 in FY 2022. In a meeting with the FAA in March 2022, the FAA representatives indicated this project would be competitive for FAA AIP grant funds this year. The grant application will seek \$3,016,688.00 in FAA AIP grant funds with the City's match of \$1,005,562.00 from the Airport Improvement and Contingency Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City regularly partners with the FAA for continued AIP grant funding for eligible projects at the Airport. AIP funding is based on the Airport's preliminary submittal of its annual Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) to the FAA. Through the ACIP, the Airport identifies priority projects to be funded. With this grant program, the Airport System can share costs with

the FAA on large and critical airfield projects at the San Antonio International Airport. Projects can receive grant funding of up to 75% of eligible project costs with the City providing the remaining matching share. Three projects were submitted for City Council consideration on April 14, 2022.

In March 2022, the FAA indicated that the West Apron Taxilane project, a potential project for the FY 2023 – FY 2028 CIP, would be competitive consideration of FY 2022 End-Of-Year Funding and encouraged the City to include the project in its FY 2022 grant application.

West Apron Taxilane

The project will reconstruct approximately 31,500 square feet of 60-year-old Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement to ensure the safe and efficient movement of aircraft to and from tenant areas and the movement area. Located west and southwest of the terminal complex, the west apron taxilane primarily serves private hangars and a maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) business. In mid-February 2022, it was determined that the pavement had failed, repairs are no longer viable, and the area has begun to create Foreign Object Debris hazards.

Design work is anticipated to be completed by mid-June 2022 with the construction solicitation expected to be released later that month and targeting an October 2022 City Council date.

ISSUE:

The ordinance will authorize the City to submit a grant application and accept the grant offer related to the FAA AIP program to support the apron improvements at the San Antonio International Airport. This action is consistent with the City Council's policy of improving facilities, improving land uses, and enhancing safety at San Antonio International Airport and maximizing utilization of federal funds.

The action also approves an amendment to the FY 2022 – FY 2027 CIP Budget to create a new project, establish a project budget and appropriate funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose to not approve this item. However, this action would result in the City funding \$3,016,688.00 of eligible project costs that the FAA has identified it would fund and address pavement failures on the apron. Additionally, the failure to accept could potentially affect the City's ability to receive future FAA grant funding for additional safety, terminal development, and expansion projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the submission of a grant application and the acceptance of grant funds for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvements Program (AIP) grants for a new project, the West Apron Taxilane project in the amount of \$3,016,688. This action will appropriate \$1,005,562 from the Airport Improvement and Contingency Fund for the City's 25% match and

amend the FY 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Budget (CIP) to create the new project and establish its budget of \$4,022,250.00 in FY 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the submittal of a grant application in compliance with the FAA regulations for FAA AIP grants and its acceptance upon offer.