



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Aviation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Terminal A Ground Loading Facility Project

SUMMARY:

An ordinance approving an amendment to the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program to include the Terminal A Ground Loading Facility project, establish its budget and appropriate funds in the amount of \$750,000.00 for FY 2022 from the Airport Improvement and Contingency Funds. The FY 2022 appropriation amount of \$750,000.00 will allow the department to initiate programming and design work to take the project up to 30% design.

Approval of this ordinance will amend the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program Budget, create a new project and authorize the expenditure of funds in support of the project. The remaining funds not included in the FY 2022 appropriation will be appropriated in future fiscal years, subject to the approval of City Council for the annual budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

With the passage of the Strategic Development Plan and the preparation of a new Terminal C and the need for additional gate capacity for international air service, the Aviation Department requires a ground-loading facility in Terminal A to provide additional gate capacity until Terminal C is

constructed. The project will design and construct a ground-loading facility with three additional gates, holding rooms and associated systems to serve domestic and international flights. The project will include an adjacent aircraft parking ramp to be connected to the Customs Area as well as aircraft striping on the south end of Terminal A. This project is anticipated to be delivered through a design-build contract.

The appropriation of \$750,000.00 in FY 2022 will allow Jacobs, an approved general engineering consultant, to initiate design work up to a 30% design phase, at which time the project can be solicited as a design-build project. The total project budget, including design and construction, is \$37,210,000.00. This project was included in the pre-grant submittal to the Federal Aviation Administration as part of the Airport Terminal Program (ATP), created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The ATP is a competitive program which set aside \$150 million annually for five years for medium hub airports to compete for terminal infrastructure programs. If the FAA selects the project for the ATP program in FY 2022, a separate council action will be presented for City Council authorization as part of a formal grant submittal project and the FAA will reimburse the City for 80% of eligible project costs with the City responsible for the matching 20%. If the project is not selected for FY 2022, the \$750,000.00 appropriation will allow the programming and design work to be completed for the 30% design phase and the City will resubmit the project as part of future grant applications. This project, along with the two new gates being constructed in Terminal B and one new gate in Terminal A will help capacity issues at the San Antonio International Airport for its current and future passenger growth.

ISSUE:

City Council authorization is required for new capital projects, establishment of their budgets and appropriation of funds. Approval of this ordinance will allow the Aviation Department to initiate programming and design work which will address current and future capacity needs especially while Terminal C is under construction.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect to not approve the ordinance and allow the creation of the proposed new capital project in May 2022. This decision would delay the design work to begin and could jeopardize the Aviation Department's efforts to seek approval of this project for ATP funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action will appropriate \$750,000.00 from the Airport Improvement and Contingency Fund in FY 2022 for the Terminal A Ground Loading project and amend the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program Budget. Additional funding for this project will be requested in future fiscal years, subject to the approval of City Council approval of the annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the amendment of the FY 2022 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program to include the Terminal A Ground Loading Facility project, establish its budget and appropriate funds in the amount of \$750,000.00 for FY 2022.