



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Aviation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the Texas Department of Transportation Grant for the Runway 14/32 Runway Protection Zone project at Stinson Municipal Airport

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance will approve an amendment to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) grant associated with the environmental and survey work for runway safety improvements for Runway 14/32 Runway Protection Zone at Stinson Municipal Airport which was approved by City Council and the Texas Transportation Commission in 2018. Under the original agreement, TXDOT was named the City's agent for the purposes of applying for, receiving and disbursing all funds for these improvements and for the administration of contracts necessary for the implementation of these improvements. The amendment will authorize the City of San Antonio to serve as the contracting agent. TXDOT will reimburse the City up to its original \$300,000.00 share of the grant. The City's share will remain \$33,333.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) is an area off the end of the runway that serves to protect property and people on the ground in the event an aircraft lands or crashes beyond the runway's end. In collaboration with TXDOT, Aviation Department has coordinated the necessary

archeological and environmental studies to inform planned land acquisition in future fiscal years in order to expand the RPZ. On May 17, 2018, City Council authorized the submission of a grant application and acceptance of a grant offer from TXDOT for the environmental and survey work for runway safety improvements for Runway 14/32 Runway Protection Zone at Stinson Municipal Airport. TXDOT will provide 90% of the funding with the City providing its 10% share.

As a condition of the original grant, the City named TXDOT as its agent for the purpose of administration all funds for these improvements, the selection of consultants and the administration of contracts necessary for the implementation of these improvements. The City was required to provide its matching funds prior to TXDOT initiating work.

ISSUE:

TXDOT and the City are recommending that the responsibilities for this grant be amended to allow the City to utilize the services of our on-call environmental consultants and administer the contracts for the environmental and survey work, with TXDOT certifying the consultant selection procedures. These consultants were procured under the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. This amendment will also necessitate the City to provide funding for the entire project with TXDOT reimbursing the City for its share of the project costs. TXDOT will continue to contribute \$300,000.00 to the project with the City's share remaining \$33,333.00.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect not to approve the amendment; however, this would result in delaying the Runway 14/32 RPZ project at Stinson.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the grant with TXDOT for the environmental and survey work for runway safety improvements for Runway 14/32 Runway Protection Zone at Stinson Municipal Airport. This action will not impact the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Budget and the grant amount remains \$333,333.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the grant with TXDOT for the environmental and survey work for runway safety improvements for Runway 14/32 Runway Protection Zone at Stinson Municipal Airport.