

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(CD 10) Authorize Application for and Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Fiscal Year 2024 Airport Infrastructure Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in an Amount Up to \$1,855,407.00 for the Continued Extension of Taxiway Papa and Other Eligible Projects at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport, Authorize the Use of Land Credits for the City's Match in an Amount Up to \$206,156.00, for a Total Amount Up to \$2,061,563.00 and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of, if awarded, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Fiscal Year 2024 Airport Infrastructure Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount up to \$1,855,407.00 for the continued extension of Taxiway Papa and other eligible projects at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport;
2. Authorize the use of land credits in an amount up to \$206,156.00 for the City's in-kind local match; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund in an amount up to \$2,061,563.00, subject to the receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding improvements at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport.

DISCUSSION:

On November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) was signed into law, allocating \$1.2 trillion in new spending of which \$550 billion will go towards investment in our nation’s core infrastructure priorities including roads and bridges, rail, transit, ports, airports, the electric grid, water systems and broadband. The infrastructure bill includes \$15 billion for airport infrastructure grants over five years with \$3 billion to be distributed annually. Of this amount, \$12.4 billion would go to commercial service airports and \$2.5 billion for nonprimary commercial service and general aviation airports.

These funds will be available for:

- Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grants for runways, gates and taxiways that increase safety and expand capacity;
- Airport Terminal Improvement program for terminals, concessions and multimodal connections for increased terminal energy efficiency and accessibility; and
- Air Traffic Control infrastructure to replace facilities and equipment and improve safety, security and environmental standards.

Based on the classification provided by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport (Airport) is eligible to receive up to \$1,855,407.00 under the program for this Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24). Per the FAA, the IIJA will provide “funding to modernize infrastructure, increase equity in transportation, help fight climate change, strengthen the supply chain and create jobs.” Last year, the Airport was allocated \$1,769,400.00 in funding and additional is expected over the next two years, pending appropriation from Congress. Additionally, these grants will operate under the same guidelines as the FAA’s AIP which requires specific projects to be identified on the sponsor’s application.

Funding from this FY24 IIJA grant will be used for the continued extension of Taxiway Papa. Located on the west side of the Airport (see attached map), this extension will provide greater ease of access to tenants on the west side of the Airport and allow for better, overall operational efficiency. It also provides additional public protection along the west perimeter of the Airport by providing a larger protection zone that will enhance the margin of safety on airport property in accordance with FAA Advisory Circulars. Phase I and Phase II are already complete, with construction of Phase III scheduled to begin in January of 2024.

If FY24 IIJA funding remains, other tentative, eligible projects include, but are not limited to, runway joint reseal and pavement repair, safety area and access road improvements, airfield lighting, signage and drainage improvements, and design and construction of future Taxiway Papa extension phases.

If Congress continues to appropriate money under the IIJA in the coming years, the City would be able to apply in future years for prior year allocations in addition to the then current years allocated funds under the IIJA to carry out larger projects.

Existing land credits remaining from land donations at the Airport will be used for the City’s in-kind match of \$206,156.00.

Upon award, the grant will increase funding to the Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund as shown below:

Fund	Appropriation Amount	Original Budget

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Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund	\$1,855,407.00	\$1,855,407.00
Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund (Land Credits for City Match)	\$206,156.00	\$206,156.00
Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund (Total)	\$2,061,563.00	\$2,061,563.00

Since no City salaries will be charged, indirect cost recovery does not apply.

Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 10.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: U.S. DOT, FAA

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund. The Aviation Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Aviation Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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