

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/25/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0597

LOG NAME: 55AFW 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL DISCRETIONARY GRANT

SUBJECT

(CD 10) Ratify the Application for and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Fiscal Year 2023 Airport Improvement Program Supplemental Discretionary Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in an Amount Up to \$1,500,000.00 for Design of the Taxiway Papa Extension Project at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport, Authorize the Use of Land Credits in an Amount Up to \$166,667.00 for the City's Grant Match for a Total Project Amount Up to \$1,666,667.00, Authorize the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the application for and authorize the acceptance of, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2023 Airport Improvement Program Supplemental Discretionary Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount up to \$1,500,000.00 for design of the Taxiway Papa Extension project at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport;
2. Authorize the use of land credits in an amount up to \$166,667.00 for the City's in-kind local match of the project costs;
3. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration; and
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing the estimated receipts and appropriations in the Municipal Airport Grants Federal Fund, subject to the receipt of the grant, in the amount up to \$1,666,667.00 for the purpose of funding the design of the Taxiway Papa Extension project at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport.

DISCUSSION:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced the Fiscal Year 2023 Airport Improvement Program Supplemental Discretionary grant (Grant). Eligible projects under this funding include airport construction projects, associated airport capital planning, noise planning and noise mitigation projects, and energy and environmental sustainability projects. If awarded, funding will be used for design of the Taxiway Papa Extension project (Project) at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport (Airport).

The Project is located on the west side of the Airport (see attached map), and will provide greater ease of access to tenants on the west side of the Airport as additional growth continues. This Project will prevent dual runway crossings, correct the current, non-standard runway safety areas, and fulfill one of the primary initiatives of the United States Aviation Climate Action Plan to reduce emissions by improving the efficiency of airfield operations through the reduction of aircraft taxi and hold times. This Project will also enhance Airfield Operational Resiliency (AOR) by providing a nearly full-length primary taxiway on the west side of the airfield that provides redundancy to support the resumption of flight operations following an earthquake, tornado, winter storm, or other natural disaster. Phase I and Phase II of the Project are already complete, and Phase III is currently in construction. Funds received from this Grant, if any, will be used for the design of Phases IV and V.

Since this grant does not support any staff positions within the Aviation Department, 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: Federal Aviation Administration

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, receipt of the grant 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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