



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JUNE 1, 2021

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: STEVE DANLEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: RUNWAY 06/24 SHOULDER ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
FAA GRANT

SUMMARY

Accept a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant for a runway shoulder improvement project at the Airport.

RECOMMENDATION

Accept \$2.6M Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant and authorize Public Works Director, or designee, to sign all related documents.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost to the City's General Fund. Staff expects the FAA AIP Grant to fully fund this project. The grant will reimburse costs related to project design, staff administration, construction and construction administration services (inspection, testing, etc.).

Staff will determine the final grant amount after accepting and verifying construction bids and submit a funds expenditure appropriation to City Council for consideration.

DISCUSSION

This project will address the failing asphalt-concrete runway edges of Runway 06/24 due to erosion. The scope of work will include saw cutting, removal of the pavement edges

and runway lighting conduits and regrading and compaction of the native soil underlayment. This project will reconstruct runway edges with new asphalt-concrete and include new L.E.D. runway edge lighting, which will reduce operating costs. The project will also restripe the entire runway to replace the fading current markings. The FAA Runway Safety Action Team recommends this project.

The Airport Manager worked with the FAA to apply for and secure funding for this project. The Airport initially sponsored the plan development and associated staff administration costs. The approved total grant funding amount covers reimbursement of these costs.

Typically, the FAA provides grants for 90% of the project costs. Additional funding comes from Caltrans Division of Aeronautics (5%) and City funding (Airport Enterprise Fund) covering remaining costs. However as part of the proposed American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding, the FAA will cover 100% of the share of project costs for regular AIP grants issued in 2021. These funds are available until September 30, 2024.

The City is soliciting bids for construction, with a bid opening scheduled for June 2, 2021. After confirmation of the lowest responsible bidder, staff will submit updated project costs to the FAA to determine the actual grant award amount. Due to the time constraints between bid opening, filing the necessary documents to the FAA and future City Council meeting dates, staff recommends that City Council authorize the Public Works Director to sign all documents related to award and processing of the grant.

Staff has prepared an environmental assessment in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and found the project categorically exempt. The FAA has also reviewed this project in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act and found it Categorical Excluded pursuant to FAA Order 1050.1F.