



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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R-54

June 20, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager to submit applications for grants No. 3-06-0127-27 and No. 3-06-0127-28 to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and accept, execute and amend grants from the FAA for entitlement and discretionary funds, and increase appropriations in the Airport Enterprise Fund (EF320) and the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$14,158,386. (District 5)

DISCUSSION

The Long Beach Airport receives grant funds annually from the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program (AIP). Entitlement funds are the portion of the AIP funds to which the Airport is entitled, based on the number of passengers enplaned, and are calculated by the FAA using a set formula. Discretionary funds are the portion of AIP grants that are allocated to airports based on need and national priority, as determined by the FAA. Each year the airport submits a grant application for entitlement and discretionary funds from the Airport Improvement Program to pay for major airport infrastructure rehabilitation and improvement.

The FAA sent notice in May 2006 that \$12,950,466 in entitlement and discretionary funds has been allocated to the Long Beach Airport, pending receipt of a formal grant application. The grant, AIP No. 3-06-0127-27, requires a 5 percent financial participation, equaling \$681,604, from the City. The projects in this year's Entitlement and Discretionary Grant application will include:

- Rehabilitation of Taxiway L, Phase 2, the primary taxiway providing air carrier access to the departure end of Runway 30. Taxiway L is showing significant pavement distress and has required several emergency closures for major temporary repairs. Rehabilitation of the taxiway will return it to 'new' condition. Phase 1 funding was received from the FAA in 2005. Both phases will be constructed at the same time, beginning in October of 2006.
- Purchase of former railroad right-of-way within the Runway Safety Area (RSA) for both Runway 12-30 and Runway 7L-25R. On December 7, 2004, City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Lease with an Option to Purchase this property. The purchase of the property will allow the City to ensure that no

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development is placed on the property that would be incompatible with the requirements of an RSA. Keeping the land vacant within the RSAs will enhance the overall safety of Airport operations in this area. The property to be acquired is shown in Attachment A.

- Acquisition of an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Rapid Response vehicle. This is the third of three vehicles that the FAA has recommended the City replace to ensure that the Airport continues to meet federal emergency response requirements for air carrier airports.

Additionally, the Long Beach Airport is in need of updating and recertifying its Airport Layout Plan (ALP). An ALP is required by Title 49 of the United States Code, Section 47107 (a)(16) and is a graphic representation to scale of airport facilities, their location on the Airport, and the pertinent clearance, dimensional and elevation information necessary to show relationships with FAA standards. The ALP is used by many federal offices including Flight Standards, Air Traffic, Runway Safety, Civil Aviation Security, and the Transportation Security Administration, as well as Airport users. The last comprehensive update was completed in April 2000. This update will include new survey data to benchmark locations of critical utilities, navigation aids and runway elevations, add new wind information; and incorporate digital technology for ease of use and addition of new data. The FAA has offered the use of a grant, AIP No. 3-06-0127-28, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, to assist the City with the technical modifications to the Airport's ALP. This grant also requires a 5 percent financial participation, equaling \$26,316, from the City, and the submission of a formal application.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 12, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on June 20, 2006, to ensure that the grant applications are filed and the grants are fully processed in the time frame required by the FAA. Failure to meet this deadline may result in loss of funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

The combined grant funds for these projects total \$13,450,466. The City's obligation for these grants is \$707,920 and will be provided by the Airport Enterprise Fund. An appropriation increase of \$14,158,386 is required in the Airport Enterprise Fund (EF320) in the Department of Public Works (PW), and is included in the recommendation above.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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P:CC Letter – AIP-27 and AIP-28

APPROVED:


for GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

Attachment:

Attachment A – Vicinity Map for Former Union Pacific Railroad Right of Way Acquisition