



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to submit an application for Airport Improvement Program Grant No. 3-06-0127-29 to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), accept such grant, execute and amend grant documents 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 \$5,742,500. (District 5)

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 allocated to the Airport based on the number of passengers enplaned, and are calculated by the FAA using a set formula. Discretionary funds are the portion of AIP funds 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 AIP to pay for major airport infrastructure rehabilitation and improvement.

The FAA has indicated that \$5,455,375 has been targeted for this fiscal year's entitlement and discretionary grant. The projects to be funded are as follows~

- The Rehabilitation of Taxiway K, Phase 2, the primary taxiway providing air carrier access from Runway 30 to the air carrier ramp. Taxiway K is showing significant pavement distress and has required temporary repairs over the last year. Rehabilitation of the taxiway will return it to 'new' condition. Phase 1 funding was received from the FAA in FY2006. These first two phases will be constructed at the same time, beginning in September 2007. A third phase of Taxiway K is anticipated to be constructed in FY2008, pending AIP funding for that year.
- Improvements to the Runway Safety Area (RSA) at the west end of Runway 7L-25R. The improvements are needed to meet FAA requirements for RSAs. With last fiscal year's AIP grant, the City purchased abandoned railroad right-of-way at the west end of Runway 7L-25R. Improvements will be made to this area and areas adjacent to it in order to modify the slope within the RSA to that allowed by the FAA and to remove obstacles such as fencing and infrastructure exceeding 3" in height above the modified grade.

Funds are pending for receipt of a formal grant application to the FAA. The grant, AIP No. 3-06-0127-29, will require a 95% FAA and 5% City financial participation, resulting in a grant amount of \$5,455,375 and a City amount of \$287,125 from the Airport Enterprise Fund.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lori A. Conway on May 9, 2007, and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on May 10, 2007.

City Council action on this item is requested on May 22, 2007, to ensure that the grant application is

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.

The amount of grant funds anticipated for these projects is \$5,455,375. The City's obligation for this amount is \$287,125 and will be provided by the Airport Enterprise Fund. An appropriation increase of \$5,742,500 is required in the Airport Enterprise Fund (EF320) in the Department of Public Works (PW).

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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