

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE:

April 6, 2011

CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT:

Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Project (AIP) 48

Grant Acceptance

FROM:

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BY:

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SUMMARY

This action would allow for the acceptance of a Federal Aviation Administration Grant for the construction phase of the Airport's Security Fencing project.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Approve the acceptance of FAA AIP Grant No. 3-06-0101-048-2011 for up to \$2,200,000 for the construction phase of the Security Fencing Project.
- 2. Authorize the City Manger to execute all necessary documents.

STAFF ANALYSIS

With the recommendation of the Airport Commission last fall, the City Council approved an FAA AIP Grant for the design of an Airport Security Fencing Project. That design phase is currently underway.

With the expectation that the FAA will be providing another grant offer for the construction phase of this important project, and with the recommendation of the Airport Commission at its March meeting, Council is requested to provide approval now so that airport staff and the City Manager can execute the grant promptly when it is offered.

Although the project must be publically bid and the grant will be awarded based on the actual low qualified bid, it is estimated that the construction could be about \$2.2 million subsequently this is the figure being requested.

This project is intended to replace old airport fencing and fortify other areas. The project is also going to utilize additional intrusion technology that will complement the airport's overall security program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project will be 95% funded by the FAA through its Airport Improvement Program. The current AIP Program's share split for small hub airports is 95/5% and the airport fund has appropriated the 5% in next fiscal year's budget accordingly. Because the US Congress is currently in the reauthorization phase of the Federal Government's budget, including FAA, there is always the possibility that the percentage could change. Should this amount of Federal obligation change and impose more obligations to the airport, the difference would be funded from other budgeted capital accounts. If there are dramatic changes coming out of the FAA that impose a more profound fiscal burden than what would be considered acceptable by staff, then the scope of the project may have to be adjusted and consideration be given to bid alternates or deducts.

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