



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** July 15, 2014

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Administration Division, Airport Department

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance Of Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer For Santa Barbara Airport

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accept and authorize the Airport Director to execute, on behalf of the City, a Federal Aviation Administration Grant offer, No. 3-06-0235-47, in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 in Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds, for the rehabilitation of Runway 15L-33R and General Aviation Aprons, the purchase of four lighted "X" runway closure signals, and a Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Wildlife Hazard Management Plan Update.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### Background

The FAA, under authorization from the United States Congress, distributes AIP funds each year. Half of each year's authorized level of AIP funding is distributed to all eligible commercial service airports through an entitlement program that guarantees a minimum level of federal assistance each year based on prior year passenger enplanement levels. The remaining AIP funds are distributed on a discretionary basis. Santa Barbara's total funding amount for the 2014 entitlement grant is estimated at \$2,700,000.

#### Grant Projects

The Runway 15L-33R and General Aviation Apron Rehabilitation and Seal Coat project will extend the useful life of portions of the airfield and remove foreign object debris hazards. Pavement for Runway 15L-33R and terminal apron areas is 10-15 years old and in poor condition. The general aviation apron area is more than 50 years old and in very poor condition.

The second project will replace four lighted "X" runway closure signals. Existing signals are 10-20 years old and require extensive maintenance during runway closures. Failure of the lighted "X"s poses a potential safety risk as a closed runway may be improperly marked.

The Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Wildlife Hazard Management Plan Update will identify new wildlife strike hazards, wildlife attractants, and mitigation/minimization strategies to safely and environmentally responsibly minimize the risk of bird strike hazards in response to the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District's decision to discontinue maintenance of an open channel at the mouth of the Goleta Slough estuary.

#### Grant Offer

Airport staff has been verbally notified by FAA that the Airport Improvement Grant application has been approved. In order to meet the FAA's deadline for acceptance of the grant award, staff is requesting early authorization, based upon the verbal notification, for the Airport Director to execute the grant agreements for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014, when the actual documents with the specific fund amounts arrive.

#### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Upon receipt of the actual grant agreements, staff will return to Council to appropriate the grant revenue and matching sponsor share, 9.3% of the total project cost, which will be funded from the Airport Capital fund.

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