



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 19, 2015

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. 3-06-0235-49, in an amount not to exceed \$3,100,000 in Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds, for the Airport Lighting and Safety Upgrade Improvement Project and North General Aviation Ramp Replacement Project.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), under authorization from the United States Congress, distributes Airport Improvement Program (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 2015 entitlement grant is estimated at \$3,100,000.

Grant Projects

The Airport Lighting and Safety Upgrade Improvement project will extend the useful life of portions of the Airport's airfield, specifically the lighting system, the Northeast Portland Concrete Cement (PCC) ramp, and the eastern security fence. The project will also improve signage and taxiway markings on the airfield to enhance clarity and safety. The entire airfield electrical system will be replaced or rewired as necessary during infield examination. Approximately 10,000 square feet of the Northeast PCC ramp, which is over sixty years old and in very poor condition will also be replaced.

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 2015, 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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