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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Denton Enterprise Airport

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: March 24, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept on behalf of the City a reimbursement grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”), administered by and through the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) relating to an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”) grant of \$844,000.00 for Taxilane and Taxiway Design and Preliminary Engineering Report for the Airport; requiring the City to provide contributory funds up to \$93,777.78, which is up to ten percent of the estimated total project cost in an amount not to exceed \$937,777.78; designating the Director of Airport as the authorized Representative for the City of Denton as it relates to this funding opportunity; and providing an effective date.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Enhance Infrastructure and Mobility

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND

Over the past decade, the airport has successfully secured funding for both the construction and reconstruction of its two runways. These are critical investments that have supported airport growth and operational safety. Despite these improvements, several pavement sections, including taxilanes and taxiways, still require repair or reconstruction. The typical funding mechanism for Airport infrastructure projects, FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants, are highly competitive, and Airport projects must compete against projects from other airports within the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) aviation system for these funds. Priority is generally given to runway-related projects, with ancillary pavement projects, such as taxilanes, receiving lower consideration. As a result, the airport must seek alternative funding sources for these essential improvements.

In 2025, Garver Engineering conducted a preliminary pavement prioritization study (also funded by the FY 2022 IIJA grant) that identified the airport’s most critical rehabilitation needs. This analysis provided a clear roadmap for addressing pavement deficiencies and confirmed that Taxilanes H, J, and M, along with Taxiway A, should be prioritized for design and reconstruction. These important pavement segments convey aircraft from their hangars to the runway and are some of the most frequently used surfaces on the airfield. The design of Taxilanes H, J, and M will position the airport to solicit construction bids in the next fiscal year, while the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for Taxiway A will define future reconstruction requirements for this primary taxiway.

IIJA Funding

Denton Enterprise Airport has been assigned grant funding by the FAA as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Texas, as part of

a block state program, issues the grants through TxDOT. The grant funding under this program covered five (5) years (FY 2022-2026) and requires the funding for each year to be allocated within four years. The Airport utilized the FY 2022 grant funding under this program to complete the Airport Master Plan Update. The Denton Enterprise IJA funding for FY 2023 is \$844,000.00 and must be requested by April 30, 2026.

Leveraging IJA funding for these projects enables the airport to address essential infrastructure needs while still benefiting from the FAA's typical 90% cost-share under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), ensuring these improvements remain financially feasible and aligned with federal funding priorities. If the FY 2023 grant is not utilized by the Airport, future IJA allocations must be used (limiting their use for other projects) or Airport revenues would be required to fully fund the improvements.

This Taxiway Design and PER are both approved uses of IJA funds as they contributed to airfield safety, user satisfaction, and support economic development on the airport. The project also aligns with the recent Airport Master Plan Update.

The City Council will consider a separate agenda item regarding a change order for the City's contract with Garver Engineering to expend funds for the project.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

March 11, 2026: Staff presented the IJA grant information to the Airport Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve acceptance of the FY 2023 IJA grant to conduct Taxiway Design and a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Airport.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The total cost for the Taxiway Design and a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) is estimated to be \$888,421.05. The grant will cover up to \$844,000 of the project cost with a 10% City contribution of up to \$93,777.78, resulting in total available funding for the project of up to \$937,777.78. Funding for the City contribution is available in the Airport Enterprise Fund project account number 200090566. The funding of this project will not impact the Airport Operating fund balance.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance

Exhibit 3 - Designation of Sponsor

Respectfully submitted:
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