

County of Santa Clara
Roads & Airports Department
Airport Operations




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SUBJECT: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program Grant
Application for South County Airport

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to a FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant for South County Airport.

Possible Actions:

- a. Authorize staff to submit an AIP grant application to the FAA in the amount of \$545,000 for safety, security, and infrastructure projects at South County Airport.
- b. Authorize staff to submit a grant application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for state matching funds upon receiving the FAA AIP grant

offer.

- c. Authorize the Chairperson to accept grant offers from the FAA and Caltrans.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to the County General Fund. The total estimated project cost is \$545,000 of which 90% (\$490,500) would be funded by the FAA-AIP grant, 4.5% (\$24,525) by state matching funds and the remaining 5.5% (\$29,975) by local match from the Airport Enterprise Funds (AEF). The Department will bring forward an Appropriation Modification (F-85) for Board approval immediately following the Chair's acceptance of the grant(s).

CONTRACT HISTORY

None.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR-21) included funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). Airport staff has identified the following airfield safety, security, and infrastructure improvement projects at South County Airport eligible for federal and state funding:

1. Fire suppression system (\$200,000) – expand the airport's existing fire main to provide sufficient capacity and pressure to support future airport development.
2. Access roads (\$220,000) – construct paved roads with controlled-access security gates to serve the new aircraft hangar storage area and terminal area.
3. Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) (\$125,000) – install AWOS to provide real-time airport weather data to pilots flying to/from South County Airport, which is a non-control tower airport.

Acceptance of the grant offer will obligate the County to accomplish the described projects and adhere to the terms, conditions, and assurances contained in the grant agreement for a period not to exceed 20 years. Should the County fail to comply, a pro-rata return of grant monies may be required. Attachment I, Paragraph C lists the 37 grant assurances, which cover

a wide variety of subject matter including Operation & Maintenance (No. 19), Compatible Land Use (No. 21), Economic Nondiscrimination (No. 22), Exclusive Rights (No. 23), Fee and Rental Structure (No.24), Airport Revenues (No. 25), Airport Layout Plan (No. 29) and Disposal of Land (No. 31).

The County last accepted AIP grant funding for South County Airport in September 1992 in the amount of \$935,665. The related grant assurances expire in September 2012. Therefore, the recommended grant applications, if approved by the FAA, would extend the County's obligations under the grant assurances by ten years.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The County will not apply for FAA-AIP grant funds or state matching funds. The airport safety, security, and infrastructure improvement projects will not be accomplished.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

1. Upon receiving FAA and Sate grant offers, Execute (as described) the original and the three (3) copies for each FAA Grant Offers and each STATE Grant Offers.

The grant offers consist of two parts:

Part One: "IN THE WITNESS WHEREOF"

Part Two: "ACCEPTANCE"

The FAA and STATE requires the ACCEPTANCE to be first signed by the Board Chair and attested by the Clerk of the Board. The "Certificate of Sponsor's Attorney" shall then be executed with the same (or later) date of the execution.

2. Upon completion of step one above, return to Lupe Rosales, 101 Skyport Drive, San Jose, CA 95110

The original and two(2) copies showing full execution,
attestation and seal impression for both FAA and STATE
Grant offers, which will be forwarded to the FAA and STATE.

ATTACHMENTS

- Federal Aviation Administration Grant Assurances (Miscellaneous)

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