Agenda item 187

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO:

Sheryl Sculley, City Council

FROM:

Mark H. Webb, Aviation Director

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of a Federal Aviation Administration Grant in the amount of

\$2,628,364.00 for San Antonio International Airport

DATE:

June 29, 2006

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of an Airport Improvement Program grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the amount of \$2,628,364.00 in support of the Taxiway R Extension, Runway 12R Holding Bay Extension, update to the Terminal Area Forecast, and development of the Runway Safety Action Team at the San Antonio International Airport.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City has applied and been approved for a grant in the amount of \$2,628,364.00 with the Federal Aviation Administration under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) in support of projects that are eligible for this grant. These projects include:

The extension of Taxiway R which will provide airside access to undeveloped land along the Nakoma from 281 to Jones Maltsberger in support of new tenant construction.

The development and implementation of the Runway Safety Action Team's (RSAT) recommended airfield improvements, which continue the Department's proactive approach to safety.

The Runway 12R Holding Bay Extension, which will increase the efficiency and flexibility of staging aircraft for departure. The original holding bay was commissioned in 1994 and due to increases in operations it is beneficial to expand this area.

An update to the Terminal Area Forecast (aircraft operations) to validate the Air Traffic Control's data and data collection methodology and to then validate the FAA's 2006 TAF. An increase in the TAF could accelerate the need for airfield improvements potentially impacting the Department's Capital and Acoustical Programs.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The acceptance of this grant continues the policy of utilizing federal funds when available.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action has no fiscal impact. Appropriation of grants and airport matching funds for engineering and construction fees will be brought forward in subsequent ordinances. The first two projects and matching funds are included in the FY 2006 Five Year Capital Budget. The last two projects have been initiated by the FAA and the matching funds are included in the FY 2007 Five Year Capital Budget.

COORDINATION

This request for ordinance has been coordinated with the following departments: Public Works, Finance, Management & Budget and City Attorney's Office Departments.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

The Discretionary Contracts Disclosure form is not required for this action.

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Approved for Council Consideration:

Sheryl Sculley

City Manager

Attachments