



City Council Report

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To: City Council

Through: Natalie N. Lewis, Deputy City Manager

From: Corinne Nystrom, Airport Director

Subject: Falcon Field Airport – Airport Master Plan Update
City of Mesa Project No. CP0256
City Council District No. 5

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution, which authorizes the City Manager, or his designated representative, to enter into an Airport Development Reimbursable Grant Agreement between the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Multimodal Planning Division Aeronautics Group, and the City of Mesa (City), for an Airport Master Plan Update (Master Plan) at Falcon Field Airport (Airport).

Background

The purpose of a Master Plan is to provide the community and public officials with proper guidance for future development that will satisfy aviation demands, while also being compatible with the surrounding environment. The Airport currently has a Master Plan that was approved by the City Council in 2009.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is offering a Reimbursable Grant Agreement with the City to help cover the costs of preparing a new Master Plan, which will serve as a strategic planning guidance tool for the Airport.

On July 10, 2017, Council approved a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant agreement to fund 91.06% of the project. Total estimated project cost for this project is \$571,620, with the FAA paying \$520,518.

Discussion

Since the previous Master Plan was completed, the general aviation industry has experienced many changes, and many of the Airport's capital improvement projects listed have been completed. A new Master Plan will take into account the general aviation industry changes and will also include an updated list of proposed capital improvement projects for the next several years based upon current aviation forecasts and current and anticipated future Airport needs. In addition, the new Master Plan will

provide alternatives for the City-owned undeveloped citrus groves property located west of the Airport and Greenfield Road. The existing citrus trees are old and are gradually dying. The Master Plan will address future alternatives to consider for either replacing the trees or placing something different on the property.

Community Impact

The scope of work for the Master Plan includes involvement and participation from the general public throughout the process. The recommendations included in the Master Plan may potentially impact residents and businesses in the vicinity of the Airport, as well as Airport tenants and users.

Alternatives

The first alternative is to decline ADOT's grant offer and not execute the Reimbursable Grant Agreement. In this case, the City would then be required to pay the entire remaining share of the project (8.94%) or not move forward with the project. The second, and recommended alternative, is to accept and approve the Resolution and authorize the City Manager, or his designated representative, to sign the Reimbursable Grant Agreement.

Fiscal Impact

The total estimated cost of this project is \$571,620. The ADOT grant will fund 4.47% (\$25,552) of the total cost. Upon execution of the ADOT Reimbursable Grant Agreement, the Falcon Field Airport Enterprise Fund will fund the remaining 4.47% (25,550). If the ADOT grant is not executed, the Airport will be responsible for funding the entire local match of 8.94% (\$51,102). Funds have been approved in the Falcon Field Airport FY2017-18 CIP budget for this project.

Coordinated With

Airport staff has been coordinating with City Engineering, and they are also supportive of this project.