



# City Council Report

**Date:** February 10, 2020

**To:** City Council

**Through:** Natalie N. Lewis, Assistant to the City Manager

**From:** Corinne Nystrom, Airport Director

**Subject:** Falcon Field Airport – Rehabilitate Higley Ramp – East  
City of Mesa Project No. CP0921  
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 execute an Airport Development Reimbursable Grant Agreement between the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Multimodal Planning Division Aeronautics Group and the City of Mesa (City), to rehabilitate the Higley Ramp – East at Falcon Field Airport (Airport). The Grant Agreement includes funding for both design and construction.

## Background

As part of the Airport Capital Improvement Program, City staff are proposing the rehabilitation of the Higley Ramp - East. This project is included in the approved City Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY2019-20.

Following inspection of the pavement condition for the Higley Ramp – East, ADOT advised the City that this project should be completed this fiscal year and offered to fund 90% of the cost.

## Discussion

The Higley Ramp - East was constructed in 2001. This rehabilitation project will mill the top two (2) inches of asphalt surface course, clean and seal all cracks, and pave two (2) inches of new asphalt surface course over the milled surface. This project will improve operational safety by eliminating surface cracks and asphaltic spalling, and help prevent damage to aircraft from rocks and gravel.

## Community Impact

There is no anticipated impact to the neighboring community from this project.

### **Alternatives**

The first alternative is to decline ADOT's grant offer and not execute the Grant Agreement. In this case, the City would be required to pay 100% of the project cost (\$800,000) or not move forward with the project. The recommended alternative is to accept and approve the Resolution and authorize the City Manager, or his designated representative, to sign the Grant Agreement.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The total estimated cost of this project is \$800,000. The ADOT grant will fund 90% (\$720,000) of the total estimated cost. The Falcon Field Airport Enterprise Fund will fund the remaining 10% (\$80,000). Funds have been approved in the Airport's FY2019-2020 CIP budget for this project.

### **Coordinated With**

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