



RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER
TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH TXDOT-
AVIATION FOR THE AWOS RELOCATION
PROJECT AT SKYLARK FIELD

RS-24-107

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Background

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- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) signed into law on November 15, 2021, provides the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with \$15 billion in Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) over a five (5) year period for airport-related projects as defined under the existing Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) criteria.

Discussion

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- The funding can be invested in runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminals, airport-transit connections and roadway projects.
- Skylark Field has an FAA owned and maintained Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) on the west side of the airport that provides pilots with critical safety information on cloud height, visibility, wind direction and speed, as well as other weather information to assist with safe flight operations.

Discussion

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- The FAA has standards for keeping the areas within 1,000 feet of the AWOS clear of obstructions that would affect the ability of the sensors to collect accurate readings.
- The proposed Anthem Park development, when constructed, would cause the existing AWOS to not meet FAA standards for the 1000 feet radius. It is necessary to relocate the AWOS to a location that will meet FAA standards for weather data collection.

Discussion

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- Aviation submitted a BIL AIG application to the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Aviation Division requesting to use BIL AIG funds in the amount of \$90,000 for the construction phase of the AWOS Relocation Project.
- This funding will be combined with previously approved funds from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) fund.

Discussion

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- ❑ Skylark Field is a General Aviation airport subject to the FAA's State Block Grant Program.
- ❑ TxDOT-Aviation Division will be administering the grant on behalf of the FAA.
- ❑ TxDOT-Aviation Division requires the City Council to approve a resolution authorizing a designated individual to execute the grant agreement and related documents pertaining to this grant.

Recommendation

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- City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all required documents, including all amendments pertaining to the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Infrastructure Grant being administered by Texas Department of Transportation's Aviation Division.